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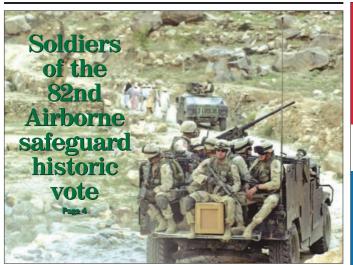
Beloved comedian Rodney Dangerfield dies

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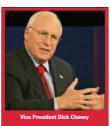
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as their Humvee driver negotiates a narrow road in Afghanistan less than two miles from the Pakistan border. Troops from Fort Bragg, N.C., are in Afghanistan to try to keep insurgents from disrupting Saturday's historic national presidential elections.



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States

Peterson murder trial: Prosecu-tors in the Scott Peterson murder trial called to the stand their 174th and final witness, a police investigator who portrayed the former fertilizer salesman as a man on the run because he killed his pregnant wife, Laci

Modesto Detective Jon Buehler wrapped up 19 weeks of testimony by the state's wit-nesses, describing the details of Peterson's arrest on April 19, 2003. The defense begins its case next Tuesday.

Gay marriage in Louisiana: A judge threw out a Louisiana constitutional amendment banning gav marriage, saving it was flawed as drawn up by the Legislature because it

had more than one purpose.

District Judge William Morvant said Tuesday that the amendment, overwhelmingly approved by voters less than three weeks ago, banned not only gay marriage but also civil unions.

Cheating-husband murder: Attorneys for a woman who ran over her cheating husband outside the hotel where they married a decade earlier want her murder conviction overturned.

Clara Harris was sentenced to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine last year for killing David Harris in July 2002 after finding him at a suburban Houston hotel with his mis-

Harris' attorneys argue the court erred by not allowing jurors to see a videotane and virtual reality re-creation of the route Harris took in the parking lot on the summer night her husband was killed following a

confrontation between his wife and love Clara Harris' attorneys also say state Dis-trict Judge Carol Davies should have allowed jurors to consider reckless driving as a lesser offense.

La. serial killings trial: Lawyers for serial killings suspect Derrick Todd Lee questioned the analysis, equipment and statistics used in DNA testing that authorities say linked Lee to a brutal Baton Rouge, La., mur-

Julia Naylor, an analyst with the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab, said the genetic material she collected at the murder scene evidence prosecutors said matched Lee's DNA profile - was so rare there is only a one in 3.6 quadrillion chance it would match any randomly selected person.

Already facing a life sentence for an earlier conviction, Lee, 35, is on trial for first-degree murder in the rape, beating and stab-bing of Charlotte Murray Pace, 22, who was found dead in May 2002. Authorities say Lee has been linked by DNA to the deaths of seven women from 1998 to 2003.

Michigan riot: A woman who police say sold stones to rioters in Benton Harbor, Mich.. last year and used the money to pay her cable television bill has pleaded no contest to inciting a riot.

Yuolanda Taylor, 32, entered the plea Monday. A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is treated as such for sentencing purposes. She is free on bail, but faces up to 10 years in prison at her sentencing Nov. 15.

The city of Benton Harbor was devastat-ed by two nights of rioting last June sparked by the death of a black motorcyclist during a high-speed police chase. Twenty-one hous es, many vacant, were destroyed

Lennon's killer's parole: John Lennon's

Clarification



Haiti unrest: An Argentinian U.N. peacekeeper maintains order as Haitian women receive a week's worth of food at a U.N. food distribution center in Gonaives, Haiti. U.N. peacekeep ers and Haitian police in armored personnel carriers moved in on a Port-Au-Prince slum blocked by loyalists of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, taking action to halt a new urban offensive dubbed "Operation Baghdad." The bodies of three police officers were decapitated last week when Aristide supporters launched an urban guerrilla campaign imitating gory beheadings by Iraqi insurgents.

killer will remain in prison for at least two more years after being denied parole Tues-day because of the "extreme malicious intent" he showed in gunning down the former Reatle in 1980

Mark David Chapman, 49, was notified of the decision late Tuesday after appearing before a three-member panel earlier in the

Longer shifts for truckers: Congress overturned a court order and quietly reinstated a trucking industry-supported rule that al-lows drivers to stay behind the wheel longer between rest periods.

A federal court threw out the regulation last summer, saying the Bush administration had failed to consider its impact on truckers' health. The rule, which had been in effect for nine months, allows drivers to work up to 11 consecutive hours, one more hour than previously permitted, and to log a maximum of 77 hours over seven days, 17

Martha Stewart jail term: The U.S. Bureau of Prisons says the West Virginia pris-on camp where Martha Stewart will serve a

five-month sentence is safe and secure, contradicting a union official who decried staffing

shortages. Bureau spokeswom-an Traci Billingsley said Tuesday that although there are some vacant positions at the Alderson Federal Pris-

on Camp, the 44 offic-ers working there now 'are adequate to protect all offenders at that facility." She did not immediately know

how many vacancies there are

Business

Disney lawsuit: The parents of a 22-year-old man killed riding a Disneyland roller coaster filed a wrongful death lawsuit Tuesday against The Walt Disney Co. Marcelo Torres suffered severe blunt

force trauma and died of extensive internal bleeding in the September 2003 accident that injured 10 other people. Torres died when the Big Thunder Mountain Railroad's locomotive struck a tunnel roof and the first passenger car ran under the loco-

Enron scandal: A former assistant treasurer at toppled energy giant Enron pleaded guilty to conspiracy Tuesday for his role in making Enron's financial picture appear roser than it really was.

Timothy DeSpain, 39, admitted lying to or keeping pertinent financial information - credit rating agencies so Enron could maintain an investment ranking critical to its ability to borrow money and support its volatile trading operation.DeSpain, who worked at Enron from 1998 to 2002, could receive up to five years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine.

World

North Korea nuclear talks: The international community is becoming impatient over the lack of progress in six-party talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons development, and the U.N. Security Council should act on the matter, the U.N. nuclear chief

said Wednesday. Mohamed ElBaradei, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said a passive response by the Security Council could set "the worst precedent of all." He did not specify what measures should be taken.

Terror trial in France: Ten suspected Islamic militants, including one of Osama bin Laden's alleged associates, went on trial Wednesday in connection with the millenni-um plot to attack the Christmas market in the eastern French city of Strasbourg

Eight of the suspects were on hand for the trial at the Paris criminal court. Another is detained in Britain while one who had been released pending trial did not appear in

court. All are Algerians or French-Algerians. The 10 are charged with criminal association with a terrorist enterprise, a charge that can bring a 10-year prison term.

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A story about academy shortages in Wednesday's editions should have said David Vetter, the dean of admissions at the U.S. Naval Academy, is a retired Marine Corps colonel. Comics, horoscopes and advice every day in Stars and Stripes

Report: No WMDs made in Iraq since '91

Inspector says Saddam had the ambition, but not the resources, to pursue them

By KEN GUGGENHEIM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Contradicting the main argument for a war that has cost more than 1,000 American lives, the top U.S. arms inspector reported Wednesday inspector produced any weapons of Iraq produced any weapons of Iraq produced any weapons capability weakened during a dozen years of U.N. sanctions before the U.S. invasion

Contrary to prewar statements by President Bush and top administration officials, Saddam did not have chemical and biological stockpiles when the war began and his nuclear capabilities were deteriorating, not advancing, according to the report by Charles Duelfer, head of the Iraq Survey Group

Duelfer's findings come less than four weeks before an election in which Bush's handling of Iraq has become the central issue.

Democratic candidate John Kerry has seized on comments this week by the former U.S. administrator in Iraq. Paul Bremer, that the United States didn't have enough troops in Iraq to prevent a breakdown in security after Saddam was toppled.

The inspector's report could boost Kerry's contention that Bush rushed to war based on faulty intelligence and that sanctions and U.N. weapons inspectors should have been given more time.

But Duelfer also supports Bush's argument that Saddam remained a threat. Interviews with the toppled leader and other former Iraqi officials made clear to inspectors that Saddam had not lost his ambition to pursue weapons of mass destruction and hoped to revive his weapons proeram if sanctions were lifted, the

report said.

On Wednesday, Bush cited Saddam's "history of using weapons of mass destruction, a long record of aggression and hatred for America" in calling the invasion the right thing to do.

"There was a risk, a real risk, that Saddam Hussein would pass weapons or materials or information to terrorist networks," Bush said in a campaign speech in Wilkes Barre, Pa. "In the world after Sept. 11, that was a risk we could not afford to take."

Duelfer presented his findings in a report of more than 1,000 pages, and in appearances before Senate committees.

The report avoids direct comparisons with prewar claims by the Bush administration on Iraq's weapons systems. But Duelfer largely reinforces the conclusions of his predecessor, David Kay, who said in January, "We were almost all wrong" on Saddam's

weapons programs. The White House did not endorse Kay's findings then, noting that Duelfer's team was continuing to search for weapons.

Duelfer found that Saddam, hoping to end U.N. sanctions, gradually began ending prohibited weapons programs startied received weapons programs started receiving money through the U.N. oil-for-food program in the late 1990s, and as enforcement of the sanctions weakened, Saddam was able to take steps to rebuild his military, such as acquiring parts for missile systems.

However, the erosion of sanctions stopped after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Duelfer found, preventing Saddam from pursuing weapons of mass destruction.

Suicide bomb targets Iraqis at checkpoint

Negotiators hopeful on cease-fire with al-Sadr

BY ROBERT H. REID The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber plowed into an Iraqi military checkpoint northwest of Baghada on Wednesday, killing at least 12 Iraqis and wounding about 25, as U.S. and Iraqi forces sealed off roads south of the capital in a campaign to curb the insurgency before January's national elections.

There are signs, meanwhile, that talks may produce a cease-fire agreement with a Shitie militah headed by radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. A negotiator also reported progress in talks to end the military standoff in Fallujah — the country's toughest in surgent stronghold and suspected base of Itad's most feared terrorist group.

The car bomb attack occurred about 11.5 a.m. at an Iraqi National Guard encampment near Anah, 160 miles northwest of Baghdad on the main highway to Syria. According to the U.S. military, the encampment came under fire and a few minutes later, a vehicle sped to a nearby National Guard checkpoint and exploded.

U.S. officials said no Americans were killed or injured but had no report of Iraqi casualties

Dr. Waleed Jawad Qamar of the Anah health clinic said 12 people were killed and 25 seriously injured — most believed to be Iraqi military personnel or recruits. He said some of the injured were not expected to survive. U.S. officials said no Americans were killed or injured.

Car bombs — some piloted by suicide drivers and others detonated remotely — have become an increasing threat to multi-national and Iraqi forces because insurgents find them safer than other forms of attack that can draw devastating American return fire. During the month of September, 29 Iraqi and multinational troops were skilled by car bombs, according to the U.S. command which did not break down the figure by nationality.

U.S. and Iraqi forces are trying to re-

store enough control of this turbulent country so that national elections can be held in January.

President Bush and Prime Minister Ayad Allawi have insisted that the elections—considered a key step toward building Iraqi democracy— must take place throughout the country, despite warnings by some U.S. military officials that balloting may not be possible in certain areas.

As part of a stepped-up counterinsurgengraphing, more than 3,000 U.S. and Iraqi forces launched a major operation gent-held parts of Babil province. The operation in Bail — notions for kidapapings and ambushes and home to ancient Babylounce of the design of the province of the proport of the province of the province of the proport of the province of the province of the protor of the province of the

On Wednesday, American troops and Iraqi National Guardsmen sealed off the roads leading to Qasir town in the Youssifiyah area, about 12 miles south of Baghdad. Residents said two explosions— a car bomb and a roadside bomb—hit two bridges in the area Wednesday, in an apparent attempt by insurgents to block the movement of Iraqi and US. forces.

Residents of the area were divided over whether the U.S.-led operation was justified

"The Americans want to stop the resistance, which they call terrorism, and this is wrong," Mohammed Fadhil, 20, of Youssifiyah said.

"In fact, it is legitimate reaction to the ocupation."

But others felt the raids were needed to restore order in the region.

"I support the military operation. We should get rid of the armed groups in our area because their [the insurgents'] only goal is to kill more Iraqis and to ignite civil war," said Mohammed Hussein, 29, a farmer.

As military operations increase, Allawi's government is accelerating moves to restore control of rebel strongholds peaceful-



Kareem al-Bakhatti, a tribal elder who has been trying to negotiate a peace deal with the lraqi government and armed supporters of rebel Shilite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, said Wednesday a deal was near that called for al-Sadr's militiamen to turn in their weapons in exchange for cash payments and immunity from prosecution for most of them.

ly. Iraqi mediators said the government and followers of al-Sadr were near agreement on a deal to end weeks of clashes between American soldiers and the radical cleric's militia in the Sadr City district of the capital.

Allawi told reporters there was no cease-fire so far between the two sides but that a committee was being formed to discuss what he termed an "initiative" to end the conflict.

Kareem al-Bakhatti, a pro-al-Sadr tribal elder, said the framework agreement calls for al-Sadr's militiamen to turn in their weapons in exchange for cash payments and immunity from prosecution for most of them. Iraqi police would take over security responsibilities in Sadr City and American forces would only enter the district with the approval of Iraqi authorities, he said.

Some of al-Sadr's aides expressed reservations about some of the conditions, and the fiery young al-Sadr, whose Mahdi Army launched two bloody uprisings in April and August, has frequently zig-zagged in negotiations. A senior al-Sadr follower, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his side rejected a proposan

al presented this week because it did not include a halt to arrests, the release of prisoners or an end to house raids.

Talks were held Wednesday in Baghdad between the government and representatives from Fallujah, believed to be a center of the Tawhid and Jihad movement of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, responsible for numerous beheadings of foreign hostages.

After the talks, Fallujah representative Khaled Hammoud al-Jumeili said the meeting produced agreement on several points, including a deal to allow Iraqi forces into the city but without sweeping powers of search or arrest.

However, there was no confirmation from government negotiators, and claims of breakthroughs in the past have proved premature.

During the fighting in Samarra, which U.S. forces restored to government control last weekend, 127 insurgents were killed and 128 captured, including 21 foreign fighters, a senior U.S. officer said Wednes-

Maj. Gen. John Batiste, commander of the 1st Infantry Division, told reporters in Tikrit that the insurgents included some supporters of Saddam Hussein as well as ordinary criminals. 44Simply put, we're the 82nd Airborne. By virtue of this fact alone ... any adversary is forced to sincerely contemplate the consequences of his actions.

Sgt. 1st Class Benny Dobbs

82nd protects the vote

Members of Airborne Division in Afghanistan to keep insurgents from disrupting election

Stars and Strines

FIREBASE ASADABAD, Afghanistan -The 82nd Airborne Division has not made it into the history books by coasting through

In the new anti-insurgency age, look for its rapidly deployable, light infantry units in the worst parts of bad neighborhoods anywhere from Fallujah to Asadabad.

A battalion-sized force of 1,100 paratroop-ers, mostly from the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment is in Afghanistan to provide security for the historic national elec-

Between 18,000 and 20,000 U.S. soldiers and about 5,500 troops from other nations are in Afghanistan and will assist the United Na tions to curb any violence surrounding the nation's first presidential election

In isolated eastern Afghanistan, 15 kilometers from the Pakistan border, the mission for the 1st-505th is far more complex and subtle than keeping the bad guys from stopping the

Taliban forces are so close "they can commute to work," said Jim Hunter, the State Department's representative to the Provincial Reconstruction Team at Firebase Asadabad Enemy fighters are just north of the base, as well as to the northwest in Nurestan province, according to officials at the PRT, one of 17 military/civilian teams overseeing reconstruc-

The 82nd paratroops will provide extra guns to augment PRT security forces, U.S. Special Forces and Afghan National Army units already in the area, said Capt. Brian Feddeler, Company D commander at Firebase Asadabad. They will also help keep roads and communication lines open.

Feddeler's soldiers will form "an outer ring" of security, he said. They have to stay close enough to discourage attacks or counter them, but far enough away from polling sta tions to make sure locals understand the Army is playing no direct role in the elections, which are under the auspices of the United Na-

Until election day and for a few weeks after. Feddeler's force of infantrymen, mortarmen. engineers and scout snipers will patrol some of the most dramatic terrain in Afghanistan, with lush Kunar River valleys meandering through mountains that peak at 10,000 feet. Humvees surf the potholes and ruts of one-lane gravel paths looking for roadside bombs as well as enticing insurgents into a fight or running off the ones with less heart. 'Simply put, we're the 82nd Airborne. By forced to sincerely contemplate the consequences of his actions," said Sgt. 1st Class Benny Dobbs, Company D's first sergeant.

Having toured both Iraq and Afghanistan in the past two years, 1-505 soldiers and officers have experience in both ongoing fights. Staff Sgt. Carl Webb, a truck commander in Company D, and at least three other 1-505 soldiers were at this very base, dubbed "A-bad," in late

Webb noted the improved living conditions, adding, "No more T-rats!"

Violence in the area seems about the same

as last time, with only two attacks during his first stay, Webb said. The firebase has had no attacks in the two weeks since the troops returned. A nearby village was hit with four rockets in September, according to news re-leases from U.S. headquarters in Kabul.

Though there are occasional firefights be tween insurgents and Afghan forces, most of the sounds of war are either A-bad howitzers firing harassing rounds onto the surrounding mountain ridges, or Green Berets teaching Af-ghan forces to fire recoilless rifles or other

On the cusp of the elections, Afghanistan is much quieter than Iraq, said 82nd soldiers and officers

The overall U.S. mission — nation-building nd reconstruction - may be the same in Iraq, "but there were a lot more anti-coalition forces [in Iraq], and they were a lot more orgasaid 1st Lt. Eric Slater, Feddeler's executive officer.

"I'm not saying [the insurgents] are not out there," said Slater, "but they're not as active. ail Terry Boyd at: boydt@mail.estripes.osd.mi





Above: Sgt. Elizar Russell heads up a line of soldiers searching the mountains for attackers as Humvees from the 82nd Airborne Division's 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment's Company B try to turn around, stopping three kilometers short of the Pakistan border. Troops from Fort Bragg, N.C., are in Afghanistan to try to keep insurgents from disrupting Saturday's national presidential elections.

Left: A local boy bicycling home from English lessons rides past 82nd soldiers securing a bridge near Asadabad Firebase. Locals greet the soldiers with everything from smiles and waves to hostile stares. However, even in this Taliban stronghold, there are few attacks against reconstruction teams.

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Bremer says troop levels criticism based on hindsight

BY KATHY BARKS HOFFMAN

The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. - A day after suggesting that the Unit-ed States didn't initially send enough troops to Iraq to stem lawlessness, the former top U.S. administrator in Iraq softened his assessment, saying he only recognized the problem with the benefit of hindsight and insisted there enough soldiers on the

"One way to have stopped the looting would have been to have more troops on the ground," L. Paul Bremer told an audience of more than 400 people Tuesday at Michigan State's Wharton Cen-

"That's a retrospective wisdom of mine, looking backward. I think there are enough troops there now for the job we are

'We certainly had enough

[troops] going into Iraq, because we won the war in a very short three weeks." he said. "The point that I have been making, and that has gotten a little bit distorted in the press recently, is that, as I look back now, I believe it would have been better to stop the looting that was found right after the

Bremer, whom President Bush appointed as head of the Iraq occupation, had said Monday that the United States failed to stop

widespread looting after toppling the Iraqi leader and "paid a big established an atmosphere of lawlessness."

More than a dozen people were removed from the auditorium dur-ing Bremer's speech Tuesday after interrupting him at least five times.

One woman accused him of being a war criminal, while another called him a neoconservative imperialist. One asked, "What do try and kill innocent people?

Bremer asked the protesters to hold their questions until after his speech. Some of the audience members yelled at the protesters to sit down or to leave. Police quickly escorted the protesters out of the auditorium as each new eruption broke out.

"I'll tell you one thing, if people had behaved like this in Saddam Hussein's Iraq, they would be dead," Bremer said at one point.

Iraq markets sell beheading videos

Some vendors openly display 'good quality' execution tapes

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BY WARD SANDERSON Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD - Vendors in Baghdad's seedy markets brazen-

ly sell copies of foreigner beheadings at the hands of insurgents. In the Bab Al Sharji market,

merchants sell the footage for about 50 cents a disc. The videos - titled things like "Execution of

Berg" or "Execution of Egyp tian spy in Fal-lujah" — sell alongside pornography and even CD-ROM copies of the Quran. "I

assure you the good quality of the picture," one merchant kept repeating. When asked

where he gets the videos, he said the opera-

tion has several levels. Someone downloads clips from the Internet, someone else manufactures the discs and someone else distributes them to sellers

The only reserve the merchant showed was a refusal to play the beheadings on his demonstration machine. He openly played pornography

U.S. Air Force Maj. Denise Varner, a spokeswoman for multinational military forces, blinked with disgust when told of the beheading clip trade. She was unsure how laws in the new Iraq ap-

plied to the sale of footage that, while clearly not copyrightsnuff flicks "Infortunately," she said, "there are

no moral police " Inside fortified International Zone. formerly called Green Zone. locals run their own

U.S.-approved bazaar. During a recent visit, no beheading videos were visible. A sign at the entrance clearly forbids the sale of pornography and



WARD SANDERSON/Stars and Strines

Some markets in Baghdad openly sell videos of the beheadings of foreigners in Irag. That's apparently not the case among authorized merchants, like this one in the International Zone, but children have reportedly tried to sell the discs there anyway.

Inside the the bazaar, vendors sat and smoked behind stacks of cigarettes, pirated movies and flowing, see-through attire out of the days of harems - all to the vertigo of an Arab boombox soundtrack, U.S. soldiers casually strolled through heat and din.

One military policeman, Sgt. Charles Petty, carried a fat stack of James Bond and Jet Li flicks. Petty said he was shocked that other markets traded instead in

"I've never heard of it, but if I see it, I don't know what I'd do, Petty said, "I'd probably report it to my higher-ups.

"It makes me feel sick to my stomach that people are buying these things. Defending yourself is one thing, but beheading someone just because your opinion is different" His voice trailed

Other soldiers were just as sickened, but unsurprised.

'They'll do anything to make Spc. Brad Robinson said, chalking the sales up to economic

"I don't agree with it, but people in America download that stuff all the time," agreed Sgt. Cole Hopkins, "They are so poor out there. They need jobs. They may not agree with it, but they'll do whatever they can.

A second military spokesman, Marine Mai, Jay Antonelli, said he believed the beheading videos were banned in the zone, but heard reports that scurrying bands of children had tried to sell them anyway. Save for the now-routine threat

of explosive attack, the soldiers' International Zone shopping experience is relatively safe. Outside it could be suicide. Iraqis warn that Bab Al Sharii swarms with gangs of pickpockets who will just as readily shove a steel shank into someone's side as say a hello.

During a recent visit to this 'thieves market," vendors could be seen hawking not only macabre media, but also PlayStations, pirated movies, binoculars and knives. The binocular seller also stocked a night-vision scope for an RPG-7.

This optics specialist then tried to make a special deal — he said he had a working set of U.S. Army-issue night vision goggles. Only \$500.

pondent Enes Dulami contributed to this report.

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"...security comes from within...and the security of all men is founded upon the security of the individual."

-M. Hall

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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 1,061 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 806 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Po-land, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 923 U.S. military members have died -697 as a result of hostile action and 226 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday. Since the start of U.S. mili-

tary operations in Iraq, 7,730 U.S. servicemembers have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally. The latest deaths reported

by the military:

■ One U.S. soldier was killed Monday by an explosive near Baghdad. The latest identifications re-

ported by the military: ■ Army Sgt. Christopher S.

Potts, 38, Tiverton, R.I.; killed by small arms fire Sunday in Taji; assigned to the Army National Guards 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery Regiment, Providence, R.I.

Iraq reconstruction funds are deflected

BY JONATHAN WEISMAN AND ROBIN WRIGHT

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - As little as 27 cents of every dollar spent on Irag's reconstruction has actually filtered down to projects benefiting Iraqis, a statistic that is prompting the State Department to fundamentally rethink the Bush administration's troubled reconstruction effort.

Between soaring security costs, corruption and mismanagement, contractors' profits, and U.S. governmental costs, reconstruction leaving little left to improve the lives of Iraqis, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Center for Strategic and International Studies based in Washington Senior administration officials and congressional experts on the reconstruction effort called the analysis credible. One senior U.S. official familiar with reconstruction suggested as little as a quarter of the funding is reaching its intend-

The Rush administration is still not meeting the goal it set this summer to inject \$300 million to economy by Sept. 1, the officials

"We're moving funds faster, but not at the rate we set for ourselves," a senior U.S. official involved in Iraq policy said.

With little fanfare, Congress last week approved the Bush administration's request to reallocate \$3.46 billion from long-term infrastructure projects to more pressing security and job-cre-ation programs. The transfer marks a significant refocusing of the year-old. \$18.4 billion effort to rebuild Iraq

lawmakers and think tanks say major changes are needed not only in what the reconstruction money is spent on but also how it is spent. Too much money has filtered through major American businesses such as Halliburton Co. and Bechtel Corp. on large-scale electricity, water and oil infrastructure projects, and

smaller, more decentralized reconstruction efforts that could be handled by Iraqis, they say. "When you're doing these large-scale programs, these de-sign-and-build contracts and

not nearly enough has gone to

mega-program projects, vou ea up a lot of money in administration and management costs," said a senior U.S. official familiar with the reconstruction effort.

Politically unpopular foreign aid programs have traditionally been sold to taxpayers as ultimate-ly benefiting them because most of the money goes to U.S. compa-nies, said Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., chairman of the Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on foreign operations. which is responsible for the reconstruction funding. Iraq has been

"We have to have a complete change of mind-set," Kolbe said.



British Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, left, talks to Fuad Masoum, the chairman of Iraq's National Council, which acts as a watchdog for the government, Wednesday in Baghdad. The British government is ready to listen to the kidnappers of Kenneth Bigley but will not enter into negotiations with them for the hostage's release, Britain's foreign secretary said Wednesday.

British official says government will listen to Bigley's kidnappers

BY FISNIK ABRASHI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The British government is ready to listen to the kidnappers of Kenneth Bigley but will not enter into negotiations with them for the hostage's release, Britain's foreign secretary said Wednesday

"We cannot enter into negotiations but if hostage takers have a message, we will listen to it care-fully," Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told reporters in Baghdad following his meeting with Iraq's deputy prime minister for national security, Barham Saleh,

Bigley, 62, was abducted Sept 16 along with two Americans from their residence in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood by the dreaded Tawhid and Jihad group, led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The two Americans, Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley, were decapitated and gruesome videos and their slavings have appeared on the Internet, along with videotapes of Bigley pleading with British Prime Minister Tony Blair to spare his life

Straw, who arrived in Baghdad

on Wednesday after talle with Kurdish leaders in the north, said he discussed the Bigley case Saleh other Iraqi authorities but refused to give details.

More than

Bigley

140 foreigners have been abducted in Iraq, among whom at least 26 have

Bigley's abduction and his heart-wrenching appeals for Blair to help save his life have drawn attention to the crisis in Iraq at a time when the British prime minister had wanted to

focus attention on domestic issues ahead of elections expected next year.

During his press conference.

Straw reaffirmed Britain's determination to defeat terrorism in Irag so that Irag can hold national elections in January.

He said that in parts of Iraq the U.S.-led military and Iraqi government face a "serious security situation.

Despite the disorder, Straw said he was "impressed and en-couraged" by the progress made in preparing for the ballot.
"We were always determined

to do everything we could to ensure that the [U.N.] Security Council's deadline of Jan. 31 is met and I have been impressed and encouraged by what I have

heard today," he said. Earlier, Iraqi President Ghazi al-Yawer reiterated his government's commitment to meet the election deadline.

'It is very important to honor our date," he said after a meeting with Straw

Associations for U.N. staff call for workers to be pulled from Iraq

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Joint letter from two

union presidents

BY EDITH M. LEDERER The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - Two organizations representating more than 60,000 United Nations staff members urged Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday to pull all U.N. staff out of Iraq because of the "unprecedented" risk to their safety and security

In a joint letter to Annan, the staff organizations cited a dramatic escalation in attacks in Iraq and said the United Nations regrettably "has become a direct target.

one that is par ticularly prone to attacks by ruthless extremist terrorist fac-

"Just staff member is one staff member too many in Iraq," they said. "We ... ap peal to your good judgment to ensure that no further staff members be sent to Iraq and that those already deployed

be instructed to leave as soon as possible."

Annan pulled all U.N. international staff out of Iraq a year ago, following two bombings at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad and a spate of attacks on humanitarian workers. The first bombing, on Aug. 22, 2003, killed the top U.N. envoy. Sergio Vieira de Mello, and 21 oth

In August, the secretary-gen-eral allowed a small U.N. contingent to return to Baghdad and imposed a ceiling of 35 international staffers, but he has been under pressure to in-crease the number to help Iraq prepare for elections in Janu

Robert Weisell, president of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations, and Rosemarie Waters, presi dent of the Coordinating Com-mittee for International Staff Unions and Associations, said they understand "the extreme political pressures calling for the presence (and an increased one at that) of the U.N. in Iraq."

"While we understand that the people of Iraq deserve the support and assistance of the international community, we cannot condone the deployment of U.N. staff to Iraq in view of the unprecedented high level of risk to the safety and security of staff," the letter signed by

the two presidents said.

"Last year, witnessed the tragic death of 22 colleagues in Baghdad," they said. "We do not wish to witness the

same again." "We do not wish to contemplate the thought of U.N. staff being subject to hos-tage-taking and threatened with execution at the

mercy of those who know no mercy. We do not believe that we should wait for such extreme acts to realize that the time for deploying U.N. staff to Iraq has not yet ar-

rived," the letter said. In June, the Security Council authorized a separate force to protect U.N. staff, but so far not a single country has offered troops. This means that the main job of protecting the new U.N. envoy in Iraq, Ashraf Jehangir Qazi, and his team has fallen to the U.S.-led coalition

The staff associations said the lack of a separate U.N. protection force makes it "even more difficult to comprehend why U.N. staff members would be sent to Iraq when troops are not being deployed in the coun-

Vilseck friends mourn fallen medic

BY STEVE LIEWER

Sgt. Tyler Prewitt carried a medical bag into combat, but he had the heart of an infantry

grunt. "He was known throughout our sector as the only medic with a sniper scope on his rifle," said Capt. Arron Lummer, rear de-tachment commander of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regi-ment. Prewitt's unit. "His chain of command consistently had to remind Tyler that a medic's job is to treat people - not shoot peo-

Prewitt's friends and fellow soldiers gathered Tuesday at the Rose Barracks chapel in Vilseck Germany, to remember the 22-year-old field medic. He died Sept. 28, four days after a rock-et-propelled grenade hit his vehicle near Baqouba, Iraq.

Born in Wyoming, Prewitt grew up in Phoenix. After graduating School, from Greenway High

played baseball at Phoe-College nix outstand ing athlete, he often competbrother, Chad, a standout basketball player Arizona State who now plays professionally in the



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Like Pat Tillman, the late Arizona Cardinals star who ended his football career to join the Army after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Prewitt quit baseball and



A rifle squad from the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment fires a salute Tuesday at memorial services for Sgt. Tyler Prewitt, 22, who died Sept. 28 of injuries suffered last week in Iraq.

college to enlist after 9/11.

Colorblindness stopped him from becoming an infantryman as he had hoped. Instead, Prewitt became a combat medic, earning both the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Combat Field Medical Badge. He served in Kosovo during 2003 with the 2-2 Infantry. then deployed with the unit to Iraq last February.

There. Prewitt served on the

scout platoon. His vehicle was on a damage assessment in Baqouba when insurgents ambushed it. Even after the attack that blew off one of his feet. Lummer said. Prewitt calmly instructed others how to treat his wounds before he lost consciousness minutes later.

"Sot Prewitt was a leader among men." Lummer said in his eulogy Tuesday, "not because of

the rank on his collar, but because of the caliber of his character and the fire and passion in his heart."

Prewitt was evacuated to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, where his family gathered around his bedside hoping for his recovery. However, he died of complications from the wound, Lummer said, and Prewitt's or-gans were donated to seven other people — including a dying man in Munich who received his

"Even in the afterlife, this medic continues to save lives," Lummer said.

In addition to his brother Chad, Prewitt is survived by his par-ents. Tim and Johnnie Prewitt, and his brother Richie.

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A Würzburg soldier salutes the helmet, rifle, boots and portrait of Staff Sgt. Mike Dennie, 31, of the 106th Finance Battalion. Dennie died Sept. 29 of injuries suffered in a truck accident in Iraq a week earlier. More than 150 people gathered at the Leighton Barracks chapel in Würzburg, Germany, on Wednesday to mourn him.

NCO remembered by Würzburg pals

By STEVE LIEWER Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — As they wept over his death, few irners at his memorial service could remember when Staff Sgt. Mike Dennie wasn't smiling

Staff Sgt. Dennie lived deeply," recalled his friend Staff Sgt. Tanya Harris in her eulogy. "Not a day went by where he was sad or unset for more than five minutes. Even if he was, he'd soon be flashing those pearly whites

31, Dennie, of Würzburg-based 106th Finance Battalion died Sept. 29 in Balad. Iraq, of injuries he suffered a week earlier when the military vehicle in which he was riding rolled over.

Dennie was born in Surrey, Jamaica. He joined the U.S. Army in 1996 and served until 2001, then rejoined in March 2002 after a short break in service.

Since joining the 106th Fi-nance, he served as noncommissioned officer-in-charge of inand out-processing, customer service, communications, forward support team, as well as being a squad leader.

He had been his unit's NCO of the month and quarter and had been NCO of the year for its par-ent command, the Heidelberg-based 266th Finance Command

"He was the PT stud, the tactical guru, the NCO who pushed his soldiers beyond their capabilities," said Capt. Felicia Floyd, his

company commander. Dennie deployed with the 106th Finance to Iraq in February in support of the 1st Infantry Division. He helped get pay and petty cash to 13,000 troops at eight forward operating bases a dangerous assignment, given the nature of the Iraq war, said Lt. Col. Thomas "Pat" Riley, the battalion commander.

"The mission involved traveling through IED-infested roads. Riley said

Dennie's fatal accident took place as he returned to headquarters from a pay mission.

Friends remembered him smiling. laughing, joking all



A Christian, he used to memorize lengthy passages from the

Until recently, he had formed an inseparable trio with two other soldiers. Set. Stephanie Bass and Crystal Bruno, who left the Army in August. Jointly they wrote a tribute that Harris read at the ser-

"We'll always remember your sayings and funny comments especially the ones that made no sense at all," they wrote. "It's hard to believe that our trio is now down to two?

Dennie, of Fayetteville, N.C., is survived by his wife, Beverly; his daughter, Imani; and his mother, Abigail.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star.

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Labor department launches program for injured veterans

By SANDRA JONTZ Stare and Strings

ARLINGTON Va - Troons wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan who want to continue to work but can't return to active duty now have a program launched by the

ment to help them find jobs in the ci-

44 We provide vilian sector. Troops will get individualized person-to-perso n assistance help, from counse identifying and focus on their interests likes and and employment matching those to assistance to available jobs and careers, to identifying what equipthe nation's ment or products disabled such as voice-activated computer servicemembers software, they might need to do when they the job, said Chick Ciccolella, return from the deputy assistant secretary for Vet-Global War Employ ment and Trainon Terror. 77 ing at the Labor

Department.
"We provide person-to-person ssistance focus on employ-ment assistance to the nation's dis-

abled servicemembers when they return from the global war on terror." he said.

For now, the program is provided only to wounded servicemembers treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washing-ton, D.C., and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md

"Initially, we're focusing on Walter Reed and Bethesda and have permanent, full-time out-stationed disabled veteran represen-

tatives on site, making person-to-person contact with those in-

dividuals." The counselors then will follow up to make sure the jobs meet the troops' expectations and they are

well equipped to do the job, he said. Requests to interview patients were not granted.

Eventually, the program aims to expand other military treatment facilities treating troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. While Landstuhl Army Medical Center in

Germany is a pos-sibility, it is unlike-Chick Ciccolella ly because wound Secretary assistant for ed troops quickly Vetrans Employment transfer from and Training there to stateside hospitals.
Counselors also will backtrack

through hospital patient records to contact discharged troops and determine if they might be in need of the job services

The program officially kicked off Monday, but has actually been days, with one counselor posted at both Walter Reed and Bethesda. Ciccolella said.

The program mirrors, to an extent, services offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA's program differs in that it's applicable to troops who suffer from a 20 percent disability rating or higher, said Judy Caden, di-rector of Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service at Veterans Affairs

The VA's program for disabled oops offers skills training from the basics of resume, interviewing skills, job market opportunities to individualized as addressing their specific disabilities and arraigning accommodations; "tools they need to perform job," Caden said.

There are currently about 95,000 veterans in the overall program at various stages, she said from those just applying to those who found jobs.

The Labor Department budgeted \$500,000 to pay for the counselors, equipment, Internet services and to create a national assistance center of counselors and services targeted at wounded troops slated to come online by the spring, said Daniel Nichols special assistant for strategic communications at Veterans Employment and Training

General information on employment services for all Americans is available by calling 877-US2JOBS (877-872-5627) or the Internet www.ian.wvu.edu.

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SAT I Results by School

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Patch HS	71	539	519	45	551	520	
Vilseck HS	50	490	456	39	477	482	
Wuerzburg HS	77	496	478	63	505	490	
Giessen HS	7	*	*	9	*	*	
Hanau HS	37	474	482	32	512	482	
Heidelberg HS	105	533	526	100	524	508	
Mannhein HS	23	544	510	23	516	526	
Wiesbaden/H. H. Arnold	90	515	487	78	521	493	
A.T. Mahon HS	16	528	509	12	541	491	
Alconbury HS	15	538	481	13	555	508	
Bahrain School	90	501	537	97	501	539	
Brussels HS	14	526	536	18	532	567	
Lajes HS	14	521	505	21	469	476	
Lakenheath HS	70	517	510	76	517	510	
London Central HS	43	514	480	47	512	491	
Menwith Hill ES/HS	8			19	508	534	
Shape HS	33	544	552	45	525	506	
Afnorth HS	42	510	503	33	529	523	
Baumholder HS	26	485	478	26	501	512	
Bitburg HS	36	515	486	48	517	498	
Kaiserslautern HS	69	510	483	75	487	468	
Ramstein HS	125	518	504	124	539	532	
Ankara HS/Geo. C. Marshall	17	549	561	10	501	539	
Aviano HS	41	530	500	40	501	506	
Incirlik HS	23	499	492	12	453	443	
Livorno HS	6		*	6	*	*	
Naples HS	57	522	497	58	520	512	
Rota/David G. Farragut HS	20	507	492	24	510	462	
Sigonella/Stephen Decatur	25	467	447	21	480	482	
Vicenza HS	29	499	474	20	528	511	
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Army cuts could force it to ignore environmental laws

By JOHN HEILPRIN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Army's largest major command is cautioning the Pentagon that its spending cuts could make it unable to comply with some envi ronmental laws, putting the military at risk of hav-ing training sites shut down by activists' lawsuits.

The Army Forces Command "is concerned that funding for the sustained management of the training lands ... dwindles dramatically" for the next several years, Maj. Gen. Larry D. Gottardi, a deputy chief of staff for the Forces Command, based at Fort McPherson, Ga., wrote in a Sept. 24 letter.
A spokesman for Gottardi, Barry Morris, said it's

up to the military training ranges and bases to manage their natural resources.

"How worried are we? I would say we're always concerned that something will impact on our training. That's why we closely monitor environmental laws and impacts," Morris said Tuesday.

In the letter, Gottardi tells his Pentagon bosses that "regrettably" most Army projects to sustain the ecological health of its training ranges "were considered optional" and, therefore, will not be funded.

Forces Command is responsible for ensuring that Army combat forces are trained, supplied and mobilized in ways to satisfy commanders' personnel requirements at home and abroad.

Gottardi did not specify how much of the Army's environmental budget was being cut. Pentagon officials have estimated they spend \$4 billion a year on environmental programs The general said that although Forces Command

no longer can view the individual budget items, it has learned that even money for planning would be cut by a third, from more than \$60 million to \$40 mil-

"The policy change also places the training mission in potential jeopardy by providing a sound legal basis for private parties or conservation activists to obtain court-ordered injunctions and effectively shut down all training operations," Gottardi wrote.

That management is watched closely by environmentalists. "These are some of the most important wildlife habitats in the world," said Jeff Ruch, executive director of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, a whistle-blower group that obtained Gottardi's letter. "In many cases, these lands have never been used commercially or recreational-

In the last two years, Congress has approved several exemptions from environmental laws requested by the Pentagon.

remains unclear just what Congress requires the Pentagon to do to avoid having to set aside as much habitat for species. Gottardi wrote.

In May, the head of the Army's Installation Management Agency ordered garrison commanders worldwide to take more risks with environmental programs, cancel environmental contracts and delay all but the most essential enforcement actions until the next fiscal year in October.

DODDS-Europe students get marks on 2004 SATs

By JASON CHUDY Stars and Strings

SAT I scores for 2004 graduates of Department of Defense high schools in Europe remained above the national average in the verbal portion of the test, but lagged in the math portion, according to results released recently by the DOD's education activi-

The scores for Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe students averaged 513 for verbal and 503 for math, while the national averages were 508 for verbal and 518 for math.

A larger percentage of DODDS-Europe students took the test this year, 65 percent, compared to the national average of 48 percent.

While the DODDS-Europe participation rate is significantly above that of the nation, we still score at about the national aver-DODDS-Europe spokesman Frank O'Gara wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

"But that's just not good enough. Every year we explore new ways to improve students' test-taking skills and to enhance the rigor of our secondary pro-grams. ... We are aggressively pursuing ways to increase the achievement and performance of all students.

Overall students from 12 schools in DODDS-Europe increased averages in both verbal and math scores from the previous year. Eight schools had lower scores in both categories

Five schools scored higher than the national average for both portions, with the 124 test-takers from Ramstein High School in Germany averaging a 539 verbal and 532 math.

Alconbury High School in England had the highest average verbal score with a 551, and Brussels High School in Belgium had the highest average math score with a 567.

The press release showed that DODDS' African-American students scored much higher than the national average, 40 points higher in verbal and 25 in math. Hispanic students scored an average 18 points higher in verbal and four points higher in math.

According to the release, the SAT I is a three-hour test measuring verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities, to measure students' possible college perfor-mance. SAT I scores range from 200 to 800, and the release said that four DOD students scored 800 in verbal and another four had a perfect score in math.

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GOP fights rumors of draft bill

BY DEVLIN BARRETT The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The specter of a new WASHINGTON — The specter of a new military draft is being dismissed as "the hoax of the year," but Republicans are still doing everything they can to kill the rumor that has spread like wildfire among young

voters and worried parents.

Both parties accused the other of shameless political gamesmanship in a House vote Tuesday that saw Democrats and Re-publicans line up against a bill that would

have paved the way for another draft. The 402-2 vote, on a bill sponsored by a Democrat, was called by House Republicans hoping the vote will quash the persis-tent rumors which have seeped into the

presidential campaign. The concerns were fueled in part by an e-mail driven rumor mill and a public awareness campaign by Rock the Vote, a nonpartisan group that seeks to boost voting among young people.

Republicans blamed Democrats for the rumors and charged they want to scare young voters and their parents into voting against President Bush

"This campaign is a baseless, malevolent concoction of the Democratic Party and everyone in this chamber knows it," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas

Democrats denied it, arguing the current situation in Iraq is reason enough to worry about the possibility of a draft.

"We're not trying to scare kids; this presi-dent's foreign policy is what's scaring the kids of this country," said Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio

Even the lawmaker who originally offered the bill, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., ing Republicans were cynically trying to use the measure to escape election-season

questions about the war Just two lawmakers, Rep. John Murtha,

D-Pa., and Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., struck off on their own and voted for the measure. "We are in a war, and not only a small segment of the population should fight in

that war " said Murtha House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter R-Calif said the lon-

> 44 Young people in America deserve an honest and open debate about the

possibility of a draft.

Rock the Vote spokesman

sided vote was necessary "to expose this hoax of the year which has been needlessly scaring millions of young people."

Much of the Internet gossip circling the World Wide Web has suggested that Republicans, including the president, have a plan to surreptitiously bring back the draft if Bush wins a second term

Democrats say draft worries are spurring voter registration on college campuses and among people in their 20s in urban

"Everywhere they go on the Internet, all they see is the draft, the draft, the draft," said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash.

"The Rock the Vote effort among kids in this country is afire and they [Republi-cans] know it."

The Bush administration has strongly denied any plan to reinstate the draft, but the denials have not killed the rumor. "There are some who have tried to bring

this up as a scare tactic and that is highly unfortunate," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday.

Speaking to Iowa voters Monday, Bush said, "We will not have a draft so long as I am president of the United States."

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has suggested the draft could be re-instated if voters re-elect Bush.

Kerry said his plan for Iraq, which calls for a summit and for allies to share a great-er part of the burden, would not need a mili-

tary draft. Campaigning in Iowa on Tuesday, Kerry told reporters, "I've never said they're going to have a draft. I've said I don't know what they're going to do. I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to pursue a policy that guarantees we don't have to have a draft

Rock the Vote said it is raising the draft issue because the presidential candidates haven't addressed it

"This is not an Internet rumor," said

Rock the Vote spokesman Jay Strell. "Young people in America deserve an honest and open debate about the possibili-ty of a draft. Neither side has offered up what they're going to do to meet the cur-

rent and future military needs."

The defeated measure would have required two years of military or civilian service of men and women aged 18-26. Senate Republicans said they will not consider

House keeps troops from fund abuses

WASHINGTON - Military personnel, some bound for Iraq and other war zones, would be protected from salesmen selling overpriced insurance and mutual fund plans under legislation approved by the House on Tuesday.

Young men and women often headed to a theater of war would return find-ing the premiums paid yielded very little benefits at high costs," said Rep. Ri-chard Baker, R-La.

The legislation, passed 396-2, would ban sales on military installations of a type of mutual fund, often promoted by type of mutuan tunic, often promoted by retired military officers, with commis-sions that take 50 percent of the inves-tor's contributions in the first year. The two "no" votes were by Republican Reps. Ron Paul of Texas and Jeff Flake of Arizona.

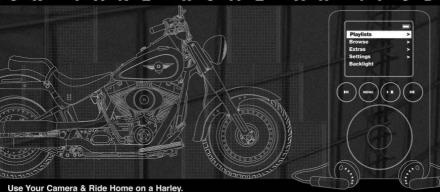
Those plans, called contractual plan mutual funds, all but disappeared from civilian markets in the 1970s and now are sold almost exclusively to military personnel

They are widely discredited in the fi-nancial industry, said Rep. Raum Emanuel, D-Ill., "Why would

we allow them to be sold and marketed to our troops?" he asked.

Rep. Max Burns, R-Ga., the legislation's sponsor, said recruits are being approached during boot camp, and junior enlistees enticed with free meals, by people "using dubious sales practices to collect exorbitant fees."





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EU office endorses Turkey membership talks

BY CONSTANT BRAND The Associated Pres-

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The European Union's head office on Wednesday recommended the start of EU membership talks for Turkey but set stiff conditions to prevent it from backtracking on sweeping democratic and human rights reforms.

The recommendation was a key success for Turkey after years of lobbying, trying to overcome concerns among many Europeans about letting in a largely Muslim nation with a weak economy and a questionable rights record

And while Turkey's foot is now in the door of the European club, it faces years more work, under the threat that membership talks could halt if reforms aren't up-held. If membership talks start early next year, as Ankara hopes, Turkey would not actually join the union until around 2015.

"It is a qualified yes," European Commission President Romano Prodi, speaking to European parliament leaders, said of the commission recommendation.

The decision was reached by a "large consensus" among commissioners, one EU official said, but no vote was taken and no time-frame was given for starting or ending negotiations.

Turkish Prime Minister Recen Tayyip Erdogan, speaking in Stras-bourg, France, said he hoped talks could begin in the first part of

"Turkish membership will not be achieved overnight," Erdogan said at a meeting of the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe, a human rights organization that is senarate from the EII

But Ankara anticipates "concluding this phase within a reason-able period of time," he added.

Erdogan said the reforms his government has implemented including the abolition of the death penalty, dissolution of state security courts and adoption of a "zero-tolerance policy" toward torture — showed his country's commitment to European values of de-

mocracy and the rule of law.
The 25 leaders of the EU must approve the executive Commisn's recommendation at a December summit.

The recommendation said that improvements Turkey must make include freedom of the press prison reform, treatment of non-Muslim minorities and Kurds, and curbing the influence of the military, which has repeatedly seized power in the last five decades.

The opening of membership talks would be warmly welcomed in Washington.



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, seen in this Sept. 24 photo, said Tuesday that the EU must not waver in its membership negotiations with his country. He also criticized French President Jacques Chirac for actions that didn't endorse

Turkey's membership.

Turkish president: EU can't backtrack on promise of membership negotiations

STRASBOURG, France - Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday that short of a revolution in his country — the Europe-an Union must not backtrack from its recommendation to begin membership negotiations with An-

He also harshly criticized French President Jacques Chirac for seeking a referendum on Turkish EU membership.

Erdogan insisted Turkey will accept no special conditions on talks, and that suspending progress toward negotiations "will show disrespect to a country which has accelerated" economic and political reforms in recent years

"The EU will enter into a collision with its own values" if it stops talks with a "country that is a functioning democracy.

Erdogan took issue with European Commission President Romano Prodi, who said the recommendation to begin entry talks with Turkey came with some provisos, including the possibility of a sus-pension of negotiations if Ankara abandons its reform process.

"There is no conditional yes," Erdogan said.

Nobel in chemistry goes to three for work in '70s

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM. Sweden - Israelis Aaron Ciechanover and Avram Hershko and American Irwin Rose won the 2004 Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for discovering a key way cells destroy unwanted proteins — starting with a chemi-cal "kiss of death."

Their work provides the basis for developing new therapies for diseases such as cervical cancer and cystic fibrosis

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences honored Ciechanover, 57, Hershko, 67, and Rose, 78, for work they did in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Each human cell contains about 100,000 different proteins, busy bees that carry out jobs like speeding up chemical reactions and acting as signals

At least five Nobel prizes have been given for research into how cells control the creation of proteins, but the question of how they destroy proteins has received much less attention, the assembly said

The three scientists uncovered a process that starts when a doomed protein is grabbed by a particular molecule, marking it for destruction. Such marked proteins are then chopped to pieces.

The process governs such key processes as cell division, DNA repair and quality control of newly produced proteins, as well as important parts of the body's immune defenses against disease, the academy said

Scientists are trying to use the process to create medicines, either to prevent the breakdown of proteins or make the cell destroy disease-causing ones

Many other drugs that harness the protein-destroying process are in development, said Ciechanover, who is director of the Rappaport Family Institute for Research in Medical Sciences at the Technion, in Haifa, Israel. Hershko, originally from Hungary, is a professor there.

Rose is a professor emeritus at the University of California, Irvine.

It's the first time an Israeli has won a Nobel science prize.

U.S. breaks ground for new embassy in Berlin

BERLIN - The United States launched construction of its new embassy in Berlin on Wednesday, restoring America's presence at the historic site next to the Brandenburg Gate after decades of Cold War division and years of delays to meet anti-terror standards.

U.S. Ambassador Dan Coats was joined by German Interior Minister Otto Schily and Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit as he broke ground for the sleek new building in the capital's busy cen-ter. It is scheduled for completion in November 2007 — 15 years after Washington first announced plans for the new embassy

"The decision of the United States to return to this historic site symbolizes America's support for a united Germany," Coats said.
"The period between 1930.

when the U.S. government purchased the property, and today mirrors a lifetime - lifetimes that have seen 12 years of dictatorial rule in Germany, four decades of a threatening and bitter East-West separation, and 15 years of the challenges of the post-Cold War period." U.S. diplomats moved into the

original building at the site in April 1939, but left when the Unit-ed States declared war on the Third Reich in 1941

Heavily damaged in World War II, the embassy was razed by East Germany in the 1950s.

The U.S. government an-nounced plans to return to the site in 1992, but the building was redesigned to include new security features after the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa and sometimes testy talks with officials about shifting streets.



From left. State Secretary of the German Foreign Office Klaus Scharioth. German Minister of the Interior Otto Schily, Ambassador of the United States in Germany Dan Coats, director of overseas building operations for the U.S. Department of State Charles Williams and the Governing Mayor of Berlin Klaus Wowereit get ready to break ground for the new U.S. Embassy in Berlin on Wednesday.

IN THE STATES

Flu shot supply cut short; rationing urged

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A top federal health official lamenting "a very fragile vaccine production system," urged healthy people system," urged healthy people Wednesday to defer getting their influenza shots so medication will be available for those most at risk.

"We really need a long-term solution so we don't end up in this year-to-year situation where we don't have a reli-able supply," Dr. Julie Gerberding

said, after the supply of vaccine to the United States was abruptly

Gerberding, head of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, and other government officials appealed for voluntary rationing in the wake of a major supply interruption.

British regulators unexpected ly shut down a major flu-shot supplier Tuesday, citing manufacturing problems at the Chiron Corp factory in England, where rough ly 46 million doses destined for the United States had been made.

That means only about 54 million flu shots will be available this year from a competing firm, and U.S. government decided quickly that most healthy adults should delay or skip them to leave enough vaccine for the elderly

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and other high-risk patients Officials advised the vaccine should be reserved for ba-

bies and toddlers ages 6-23 months; people 65 or older; anyone with a chronic condition such as heart or lung disease; pregnant women; nursing home residents: children on aspirin therapy; health care workers who care for high-risk groups; and anyone who cares for or lives with babies younger than

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cials assured the public less than

two weeks ago that close monitor-

ing showed the rest of Chiron's

supply was fine, and plenty of vac-

factures in Liverpool. The sanc-

tion means more than a delay, Chi-

ron officials said. The company

will ship no Fluvirin anywhere

by surprise. Food and Drug Ad-

ministration officials headed to

Britain on Tuesday night to inves-

tigate but wouldn't say if they

The move took U.S. regulators

out and look for a vaccine today." The government has urged voluntary rationing before, during a

shortage in 2000. This year, however, will mark a record shortage just before flu season begins. We will need the help of the

Services Secretary Tommy Th-Gerberding, appearing Wednes-day on CBS News' "The Early

if they really need it."

Chiron's problem began in August, when it discovered contamination in a small amount of vacspecial release of shots for use here if the flu season proves a bad

Thompson asked the maker of the remaining 54 million flu shots to try to make more. Aventis Pasteur plans to try, but can't in-crease production until it meets existing orders in November

High-risk patients depend on flu shots because the injections are made of killed influenza virus

Other people have another op-tion: About 1 million doses of an inhaled flu vaccine, MedImmune Inc.'s FluMist, will be available for healthy 5- to 49-year- olds. It's made from live but weakened influenza virus.

A flu treatment called Tamiflu also can protect against infection if swallowed daily during an outbreak. Manufacturer Roche Phar-maceuticals said Tuesday it would step up production in anticination of greater demand this win-

Flu vaccine is made using chicken eggs and takes months to brew, meaning manufacturers cannot suddenly produce more.

cine would be available. On Tuesday, British regulators disagreed and suspended Chipublic," said Health and Human ron's license for three months, officially prohibiting export of the Fluvirin brand that Chiron manu-

Show," said that if officials "prioritize" the disbursement of available flu vaccine, "we will make it possible for people to get vaccine

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On the issues

this year.

Should the size of active-duty forces be increased, decreased or kept about

President Bush



"In January 2004, Secretary Rumsfeld approved increasing the size of the Army by 30,000 soldiers.

Military commanders in the field tell me they have the personnel Sen John Kerry



military, my first order of business as commander in chief

wi**I** be to expand America's Army active duty forces by 40,000 troops,

including the doubling of Army Special Forces. Each day provides us with further evidence

and resources they need. If they need more, I will make sure they get it. We have the resources now to meet current and potential threats, and I remain committed to maintaining allvoluntary armed forces.

"When it comes to the that our military is stretched dangerously thin. We've deployed units from the National Training Center, called back members of the Individual Ready Reserve, extended tours of duty delayed retirements, and relied on 'stop-loss' as a kind of 'backdoor draft."

U.S., EU at odds over 'unfair' subsidies for Airbus, Boeing

WASHINGTON - The United States and the European Union clashed Wednesday in a billion-dollar, trans-Atlantic trade war centering on contentions of unfair subsidies for Europe's Airbus and America's Boeing, two industry giants.

U.S. trade authorities fired the first volley, saying they were fil-ing a complaint against the European Union to the World Trade Organization, contesting what they regard as unfair subsidies provided to aircraft company Airbus by European governments.

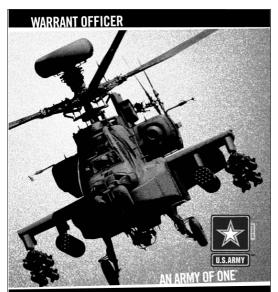
The European Union quickly re-

taliated, filing its own complaint to the WTO, challenging "mas-sive subsidies" for Boeing.

The Office of the United States Trade Representative said it was taking the action because recent negotiations between the two sides failed to resolve the dispute.

"This is about fair competition and a level playing field," U.S trade representative Zoellick said. "Since its creation 35 years ago, some have justified subsidies to Airbus as necessary to support an 'infant' industry. If that ratio-nalization were ever valid its time has long passed. Airbus now sells more large civil aircraft than Boe-

EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy, however, has dismissed the threat of a WTO challenge as "election-year politics" from President Bush.



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No excuse for prostitution

That the U.S. Army has allowed the solicitation of prostitution is a sad commentary on the state of morality of our nation and our troops. The article "U.S. troops defend legal prostitution" (Sept. 26) quotes a sergeant first class saving the military has too much control over troops' lives, saying: "Next, they're going to tell us we can't drink or only on weekends, I think it's stupid." It is shameful for a senior noncommissioned officer to say such thoughts in a public forum.

An airman's comment that "if it's illegal in the United States, then it should be illegal for the U.S. military" is right on. However, it's more than an issue of legality: It's an issue of morality. It is illegal to engage in prostitution because sex outside of mar-riage is wrong, much less sex engaged in for profit and/or recreation - not to mention against Christian principles and God's law. The overwhelming majority of Americans profess to be Christians, and yet, to even consider prostitution as situationally acceptable is in direct violation of the basic tenets of Christianity.

Another servicemember's comments: "[I]f it's an issue of safety, there are condoms and stuff like that that soldiers can use" ignores everything U.S. health officials has been teaching in our schools for years From Trojan Condom's Web site: latex condoms each time and every time the right way - can help reduce your risk of getting or giving a [sexually transmitted disease]" (emphasis mine). "Can use" isn't synonymous with "will use" or "will pro-

tect Many of us have been deployed away from our families for up to a year and, yes, the temptation to engage in sexual behavior is strong — for single or married servicemen. Nevertheless, these urges do not justify adultery or engaging in potentially unhealthy or immoral behavior just because our "hormones" have built up. That is just self-serving rhetoric

Maj. Matthew Ferguson

Re-check UCMJ article

I have some concerns about the article "DOD: Soliciting prostitute should end ca-reer" (Sept. 23). First, the Uniform Code of Military Justice already has an Article 134. It's the last article in the UCMJ, and it is known as "The General Article

Second, the penalty portion is interesting. The UCMJ articles normally state punishment shall be "as a court-martial may direct," except in certain cases, such as treason, desertion under fire, etc., which are punishable by death.

Also, it takes a general court-martial to award a dishonorable discharge, and I'm pretty sure it takes a special court-martial to award a general court-martial. I can't really see the military going to that much trouble just to punish some horny sailor who went out and got a little on the beach, even if

he did nay for it There is also the problem of actually prov ing that one paid for sex. All he has to do is say he picked her up in a bar, and she will probably back him up.

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I think someone should do a little more research on this one. Something smells rotten

Bob Malcom Kingsland, Ga.

Proposed rule 'stupid'

OK, enough is enough. As a member of the Army for 13 years, I have seen some rather stupid rules and regulations. Do we really need this type of regulation [against prostitution]? The system is already bloated with regulations that have no basis in the real world, such as the missionary position is the only authorized position, weight and height standards that are out of touch with reality, no smoking while walking - the list goes on.

I understand regulations, for the most part, are needed. But is our chain of command really that bored and things so had we need this kind of rule?

I have always taken issue with what I perceive to be a lack of common sense when it pops up. It's a bad idea and a complete waste of time and effort. How will we enforce this? How many people will we need to post at all the brothels? What about all the other real crimes

Staff Sgt. Dave Mardon Baumholder, Germany

Prostitution is immoral

I was appalled after reading a letter to the editor to find out there are Americans who think they can do whatever they want and be justified. Prostitution is not only illegal, it is also immoral and degrading to the men who purchase sex and the women who sell it. I do understand. I am a single soldier and I have served a year of my military career in South Korea, where prostitution is common, and not once have I delved into that form of gratification.

When servicemembers ship for an overseas tour, they are briefed on what they can and cannot do. They are informed that they are still Americans and that they must up hold that honor. That is one of the requirements of being a soldier, sailor, Marine or airman. And correct me if I am wrong, but we did decide in the United States, the country that these men and women swore to defend and to uphold their ideals, that prostitu-

tion is wrong. Lastly, people who do such acts put themselves, their families and other Americans at risk when they do. Who would want to give their girlfriend back home a sexually transmitted disease because they were stupid in another country? W grown-ups here. Let's act like it. We are all

Spc. Christopher Fleming Camp Liberty, Iraq

Proposal goes too far

Making a law against prostitution part of the Uniform Code of Military Justice is a little too personal. If this new law is implemented, you are adding and compounding problems. They're demanding too much and the punishments will be too harsh. If these restrictions get too personal, it's

going to cause many servicemembers to get out of the service because the military is intruding on one's personal life. What's next, will smoking and drinking be illegal and will we have a set bedtime? I'm not advocating prostitution, but this proposal goes too David M. Fountain

Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan

Prostitution legal in some areas

As a happily married man of more than 12 years, the legality of prostitution does not affect me personally. One point I wanted to raise is that maybe it would have been appropriate to mention to one airman quoted U.S. troops defend legal prostitution (Sept. 26) that it is legal in some places in the United States to pay for sex in the form of prostitution. I think Stripes should have included that fact in the article. Tech. Sgt. Howard W. Feinstein

Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq

Avoid insulting nickname

I was recently made aware of a serious problem inside the U.S. ranks in Iraq. Troops use the nickname "Hajji" or "Haji for terrorist militiamen without understanding what they are doing. The nickname seems to have come innocently enough from the companion of the cartoon character Johnny Quest. In the Islamic culture, however, the name has very serious implica-

tions, which will not make our job easier.

In the Muslim world, one often adopts a derivation of the word "Haj" in a name after making a pilgrimage to Mecca (called the Hai). Muslims who have made their Hai are highly respected in society. Depending on the country, they may be permitted to wear special clothes, often solid white.

The nickname "Hajji" then is a serious in-

sult with an unintended religious connotation that must be stopped. Interpreters and Iraqi allies who overhear U.S. soldiers using the term aren't going to be friendly long. Please get this out as quickly. If we are going to make fools of ourselves and enemies, it ought to be for a good reason and one we understand. Bill Nichols

Charleston, S.C.

By GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury







OPINION

Read my lips: Movements signify nothing

deficiency of nationally televised presidential debates is that so many commentators equip themselves with microscopes to discern the least important thing about the events so





that they can then convert their finding into a major issue that confirms their prejudices.

The irrelevancy that has generated the most excitement since the set-to between George W. Bush and John Kerry last week is what transpired on Bush's face when Kerry's lengthy jaw was flapping.

President Bush's lips went up and down and around, and it is possible to imagine that there was meaning in the movements, just as it is possible for astrologers to imagine there is meaning conferred by the star alignment on your birth date.

One observer, a Harvard humanities professor named Stephen Greenblatt, thought our president displayed "an astonishing range of emotions: confusion, annoyance and something like rage."

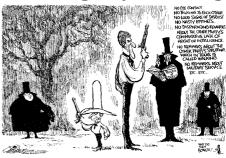
Greenblatt says in a New York Times op-ed piece that it was as if the audience had seen into the mind of Antony as he addressed Romans in Shakespeare's play "Julius Caesar." The professor is not being complimentary. Antony, he has told us earlier, is playing on fear and greed, hoping to use escalating violence for selfish purposes.

I subscribe to a different theory. It is that our president suffers from idiosyncratic lip muscles. They behave in such a way that his smiles look like smirks to some, betraying Bush's benign intentions.

He has become self-conscious about his lips and does all that he can to make them let contrary to their habits. He had to be waver that the nation would be watching his face when Sen. Kerry spoke. The mission was clear: Control those lips. But in his wrestling match with them, he left himself open for critics to say, "Look at that. The guy is projecting the despicable inner attitudes I always knew he had."

Kerry, too, had problems in this regard, it seemed to me. At least a few times when Bush was having at him, he looked distracta, as if in a daze. Others may not have seen it that way, and that's OK with me. I don't think it makes much difference one way or the other. For something like 45 minutes each, in front of an audience of rens of millions, these candidates had to stand still with nothing to do and try to look like something other than idiots. Go to your bathroom and try it out between just you and the mirror—for only five minutes—and see how dignified you think you look.

Is content, then, the only thing that matters in these debates — the uttered words that may or may not add up to something onherent and sensible? No. Al Gore's sighing in his first debate with Bush four years ago was worth taking note of because it was so unmistakably an affectation, something done with calculated dorethought to demonstrate disdain, and because the sighs at first made you wonder if the man had appendicimade you wonder if the man had appendici-



tis and needed to be rushed to a hospital. But a hospital isn't what was needed so much as a lecture on being polite and humble and adult.

Even then, I think it would be a mistake to base a vote on that bit of behavior, certainly not in and of itself, just as it would be a mistake—a worse one—to base a vote on Richard Nixon's afternoon shadow when he debated John F. Kennedy or the first George Bush's glances at his watch when he debated Bill Chitno and Ross Pero!

I am not even sure that some content flubs

should count for too much in what is, after all, an artificial stutation that is not finally all that good a test of how someone might function as president. We may learn something from a debate that can help round out our views of the candidates when placed in the context of everything else we know about them. We may come to more reliable convictions about their minds and character and ideas. But that's not likely to happen when people make mountains — or Shakespearean dramas — out of molehills.

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The 'god' who carries around dangerous demons

BY RACHEL EHRENFELD AND SHAWN MACOMBER

rankly, I don't think I'll need to do a lot more," Democratic philanthropist George Soros bragged to USA
Today just a few months ago. "I now take the defeat of Bush more or less for granted."

Unfortunately for him, that defeat no longer seems so certain, so the billionaire, who had spent more than \$15 million in an attempt to get John Kerry elected, is now trying to protect his earlier investments by throwing in an additional \$3 million.

"America, under Bush, is a danger to the world," says Soros. To save the world and prevent the re-election of George W. Bush, Soros has dedicated extraordinary amounts of time and money because defeating Bush, he says, is his "central focus." His motto, "If I spend enough, I will make it right," is the essence of his articulated ideas about changing society.

It seems that Soros believes he was anointed by God. "I fancied myself as some kind of god ...," he once wrote. "If truth be known, I carried some rather potent messianic fantasies with me from childhood, which I felt I had to control, otherwise they might get me in trouble."

When asked by Britain's Independent newspaper to elaborate on that passage, Soros said, "It is a sort of disease when you consider yourself some kind of god, the creator of everything, but I feel comfortable about it now since I began to live it out."

"[S]ince I began to live it out." Those unfamiliar with Soros would probably dismiss the statement out of hand. But for those who have followed his career and sociopolitical endeavors, it cannot be taken quite so lightly.

Soros has proved that with the vast re-

sources of money at his command he has the ability to make the once unthinkable acceptable. His work as a self-professed "amoral" financial speculator has left millions in poverty when their national currencies were devaluated, and he pumped so much cash into shaping former Soviet republics to his liking that he has bragged that the former Soviet empire is now the "Soros Empire."

Now he's turned his eye on the internal affairs of the United States. Today's United States, he writes in his latest book, "The Bubble of American Supremacy," is a "threat to the world," run by a Republican Party that is the devil child of an unholy alliance between "market fundamentalists." We have become a "supremacist" nation.

During a speech at Columbia University's commencement ceremonies, Soros said, "If President Bush is re-elected, we must ask the question. What is wrong with us?" He has written that he always "felt that modern society in general and America in particular suffer from a deficiency of

Bush's aggressive waging of the war on terrorism has only increased these feelings. "When President Bush says, as he does frequently, that freedom will prevail, in fact he means that America will prevail," Soros writes. Who would Soros prefer to see "prevail"? Saddam Hussein? Osama bin Laden?

Despite his reputation as an international philanthropist, Soros remains candid about his true charitable tendencies. "I am sort of a deus ex machina," Soros told The New York Times in 1994. "I am something unnatura. I rue very comfortable with my public persona because it is one I have created for myself. It represents what I like to be as distinct from what I really am. You know, in my personal capacity I'm on actually a seffless philanthropic person. I've very much self-centered."

Soros was more succinct when he explained his life philosophy to biographer Michael Kaufman. "I am kind of a nut who wants to have an impact," he said.

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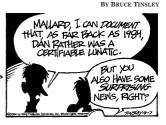
"Next to my fantasies about being God, I and," Soros once confided on British television. "In fact, my grandfather was actually paranoid. I have a lot of madness in my family. So far I have escaped it."

In his book, "Soros on Soros," he says: "I do not accept the rules imposed by others. ... And in periods of regime change, the normal rules don't apply." Clearly, Soros considers himself to be someone who is able to determine when the "normal rules" should and shouldn't apply.

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Mallard Fillmore

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Cheney, Edwards wage hard-hitting debate

The Washington Post

CLEVELAND - Iraq and terrorism dominated a hard-hitting and sometimes personal debate Tuesday night between the vice presidential nominees, with Vice President Dick Cheney accusing the Democratic ticket of lacking the judgment to lead, and Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., respond-ing that Cheney and President

Bush lack credibility. The lines of attack were drawn in the opening moments of the natelevised encounter at Case Western Reserve University, with Cheney asserting strongly that the decision to topple Saddam Hussein last year was justified by an "established Iraqi track record with terror.'

Striking an incredulous air at Cheney's claim, Edwards re-sponded, "Mr. Vice President, you are still not being straight with the American people."

This set the tone for the 90-minute debate, which featured equally sharp, sometimes snappish exchanges as it turned to such matters as the state of the economy, taxes, tort reform and same-sex marriage

Cheney rapped Edwards' one term in the Senate, dismissing it as "not very distinguished" and marked by chronic absenteeism. Noting that as vice president he presides over the Senate, Cheney said acerbically to the freshman senator. "The first time I met you is when you walked on the stage tonight.'

In defense, Edwards shot back, "I'm surprised to hear him talk about records," and pivoted into a discussion of conservative votes cast by Cheney as a congressman

in the 1980s. "He voted against the Department of Education. He voted against funding for Meals on Wheels for seniors. He voted against a holiday for Martin Luther King. He voted against a resolution calling for the release of Nelson Mandela in South Africa.

No matter the electoral implications, the evening lived up to its advance billing as a vivid display of two politicians with widely divergent personal styles, public records and political philoso-

Cheney spoke without inflection, rarely flashed smiles and often looked down during his answers. Edwards struck a smiling, conversational tone, but there was nothing amiable in his case against Cheney. Repeatedly, he assailed the vice president's truthfulness and his record as chief evecutive of the controversy-plagued Halliburton Corp. The most personally intimate

exchange of the evening came when moderator Gwen Ifill of PBS asked Cheney, who has a gay daughter, about the administra tion's support of a proposed con-stitutional ban on same-sex marriage. As he had answered four years ago, he said that the issue should be in the hands of the states, not the federal govern ment, but that the president sets policy for the administration.

responding, Edwards said: "I think the vice president and his wife love their daughter. I think they love her very much. And you can't have anything but respect for the fact that they're willing to talk about the fact that they have a gay daughter, the fact that they embrace her. It's a wonderful

But then his message became more pointed: "We should not use the Constitution to divide this country. ... This is using the Constitution as a political tool, and it's

Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and Sen, John Edwards, D-N.C., shake hands at the conclusion of their debate Tuesday in Cleveland.

Nominees didn't let facts get in the way of claims

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Whether it was Vice President Dick Cheney's faux-pas about never meeting his rival or Sen. John Edwards' oversimplifications about troops in Iraq, the vice presidential debaters stretched facts even as they claimed the high ground in setting the record straight.

Technicalities were cast aside on both

The vice president said Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry voted for the Iraq war, but the reality was more com-

lowed it to happen but said he took President Rush at his word that he'd exhaust weapons inspections and build a true coalition first.

"A lot of factual inaccuracies were left standing," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, di-rector of the Annenberg Public Policy Cen-ter at the University of Pennsylvania.

In perhaps the most awkward blooper of the evening, Cheney told Edwards to his face that they had never met before the debate. Edwards' campaign later provided a tran-

script of a February 2001 prayer breakfast at which Cheney began his remarks by acknowl-edging the North Carolina senator.

Chenev meant to cite FactCheck.org on ar other occasion during the debate but unintentionally steered Web surfers to a site run by the anti-Bush activist billionaire, George Soros. Cheney said "factcheck.com," when he should have used "org."

Also in the debate. Edwards said that while U.S. troops were fighting in Iraq, the Bush ad-ministration "lobbied the Congress to cut their combat pay. This is the height of hypocrisy.'

It's also arguable. When the government faced prospects that increased allowances for the troops would expire as stipulated by Congress, the Pentagon said it would make up any shortfall through incentive pay or sim-

Stern to leave Infinity for | Astrologer Jillson dies Sirius satellite radio deal

NEW YORK - Top-ranked shock jock Howard Stern announced Wednesday morning that he will abandon his syndicat-ed morning radio show to join Sirius satellite radio in 15 months, giving him unlimited freedom from government regulators and a coast-to-coast audience "I've decided what my future

is" Stern told his millions of listeners in a live announcement of his five-year, multimillion dollar

"It's not this kind of radio any

Stern, who battled for years with the FCC and the religious right over his salacious show's content, will move to the national distributor of commercial-free music and sports programming when his contract with Infinity Broadcasting expires in 15 months. The deal was signed on Monday, Stern said.

"I'm tired of the censorship," said Stern, whose show was dropped by media conglomerate Clear Channel Communications in April after the Federal Commu-



nications Commission proposed a \$495,000 fine against it for comments made by the nation's No. 1 shock jock.

"The FCC ... has stopped me from doing business," Stern said. Clear Channel, you [exple-

tives], I will bury you.

Under the satellite deal, Stern will be heard in every market across the country and will eventually program three stations for Sirius

Stern's show corners the radio market among males 18-49 years of age and ranks No. 1 in many of the 46 major markets where his show is broadcast

Shares of the satellite radio company surged 18 percent on

"It has been my dream to have the top-rated show in radio since I was 5 years old." Stern said in a

"Sirius - the future of radio will take this dream to a whole new level as I bring my fans my show my way. It will be the best radio they will ever hear Sirius CEO Joseph P. Clayton

called Stern "an entertainment force of unprecedented recognition and popularity in the broad-cast world." Both Clayton and Stern predicted the shock jock will change the face of satellite radio and boost listenership

A call to Infinity for comment was not immediately returned.

According to Sirius, it reaches more than 10 million DISH Network satellite TV and Sirius Satel. lite Radio subscribers.

from kidney failure

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - As the official astrologer for 20th Century Fox Studios, Joyce Jillson consulted on the best opening days for movies, including 1977's "Star the second-highest grossing movie of all time.

Jillson, author of a nationally syndicated astrology column who also divined

the stars on behalf of the Reagan administration.

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was 58.

died Friday Cedars Sinai Medical Center of kidney failure, said her former hus-Jo. Gal-

Her daily astrology column has appeared in nearly 200 newspapers, including Stars and Stripes.

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In 1988, Jillson was linked to the Reagan White House after former chief of staff Donald T. Regan wrote in a book that Nancy Reagan consulted astrologers.

Jillson contended she advised Reagan campaign aides to select George H.W. Bush as Reagan's running mate in 1980. Jillson also said she "spent a lot of time" at the White House after the March 1981 assassination attempt on the president.

Born and raised in Cranston

R.L. Jillson attended Boston University on an opera scholarship and later moved to New York to begin a stage career. She won an award as outstanding Broadway newcomer and then moved to Los Angeles to pursue a TV career.

Jillson starred as "Jill Smith" in the 1960s television series Peyton Place.

Holiday Mathis, who had been Jillson's apprentice and editor since 1991, had been co-writing the astrology column the past few months, Creators Syndicate said in a statement.

Jillson and Mathis wrote in advance and the columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Starting Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be renamed "Horoscopes by Holiday." but their format will remain the same.

Jillson also is survived by her mother, Beatrice H. Twitchell.

Comedian Rodney Dangerfield dead at 82

Self-proclaimed 'loser' respected by peers, fans

BY DAVID GERMAIN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Rodney Dangerfield knew "I don't get no respect" was funny when it cracked up New Yorkers, notorious for being tough. From there on out, the one-liner became his catchphrase - and the pudgy. bug-eyed comic became the perennial loser.

Dangerfield, 82, died Tuesday afternoon at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center, where he had undergone heart surgery in August, said publicist Kevin Sasaki.

After the operation, Sasaki said, the comedian suffered a small stroke and developed infectious and abdominal complications. He had been in a coma but regained consciousness in the

"When Rodney emerged, he kissed me, squeezed my hand and smiled for his doctors," Dangerfield's wife. Joan, said in the statement

The comic is also survived by two children from a previous marriage

Clad in a black suit, red tie and white shirt with a collar that seemed too tight, Dangerfield brought down the house with the





Right: Comedian Rodney Dangerfield posed in July 2004 at his home in Los Angeles. Dangerfield died Tuesday at age 82. Known for the self-deprecating one-liners and his lament "I don't get no respect," he went into a coma after undergoing heart surgery in August. Above: The Laugh Factory, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, posts a farewell sign Tuesday for the comic.

likes of "When I started in show business. I played one club that was so far out my act was reviewed in Field and Stream."In a 1986 interview, he explained the origin of his "respect" trademark: "I had this joke: 'I played hide and seek; they wouldn't even look for me.' To make it work better, you look for something to put in ont of it: I was so poor, I was so dumb, so this, so that, I thought, 'Now what fits that joke?' Well, 'No one liked me' was all right. But then I thought, a more profound thing would be, 'I get no re-

and the joke drew a bigger response than ever. He kept the phrase in the act, and it seemed to establish a bond with his audi-

Dangerfield is most remem-bered for 1980's "Caddyshack," in which he held his own with such comics as Chevy Chase, Ted Knight and Bill Murray.

He tried it at a New York club,

He would later gain more film

roles and the respect of fans who howled at his jokes and fellow comedians who admired his talent



"For a guy who got no respect, I will miss him - and he always had my respect. I love him." comedian George Lopez said Tuesday in a statement.

Flowers were placed on his star on Hollywood Boulevard after word of his death, and the marquee of The Improv. a comedy club where Dangerfield often performed, read "Rest In Peace Rod-

Comedian Adam Sandler, who starred with Dangerfield 2000's "Little Nicky," said the affection felt for Dangerfield "when you saw him on TV or in the movies was doubled when you had the pleasure to meet him. He was a hero who lived up to the hype."

Dangerfield was born Jacob Cohen on Nov. 22, 1921, on New York's Long Island. Growing up in the borough of Queens, his mother was uncaring and his father was absent.

He ingratiated himself to his schoolmates by being funny, writing down jokes and storing them in a duffel bag. When he was 19, he adopted the name Jack Roy and tried out the jokes at a resort in the Catskills, training ground for Danny Kaye, Jerry Lewis, Red Button, Sid Caesar and other comedians

At 19, he started as a stand-up comedian. He made only a fair liv ing, traveling a great deal and appearing in rundown joints

At age 27, he married Joyce Indig, a singer he met at a New York club. The couple settled in Englewood, N.J., had two children, Brian and Melanie, and he worked selling paint and siding But the idyllic suburban life soured as the pair battled. The couple divorced in 1962, remarried a year later and again divorced.

He returned to comedy at 42 When he came back, he took up the name Rodney Dangerfield.

Dangerfield's bookings improved, and he landed television

He appeared on the Ed Sullivan show seven times and on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson more than 70 times.



Dangerfield's jokes live on

A sampling of comedian Rodney Dangerfield's one-liners:

■ The Oct. 5, 2004, Joke of the Day on Dangerfield's Web site, www.rodney.com: "I tell ya I get no respect from anyone. I bought a cemetery plot. The guy said, 'There goes the neighborhood!' ■ "When I was born. I was so ugly that the doctor slapped my

"Every time I get in an elevator, the operator says the same

thing to me: 'Basement?' "When my parents got divorced, there was a custody fight over

me ... and no one showed up."

"I never got girls when I was a kid. One girl told me, 'Come on

over, there's nobody home.' I went over. There was nobody home. "When I was 3 years old, my parents got a dog. I was jealous of the dog, so they got rid of me.

■ "When we got married, the first thing my wife did was put everything under both names — hers and her mother's."

"With my wife, I don't get no respect. The other night there was a knock on the front door. My wife told me to hide in the closet.

■ "With my wife, I get no respect. I fell asleep with a cigarette in my hand. She lit it The Associated Press

After his ex-wife died, he decided to quit touring and open a New York nightclub, Dangerfield's, so he could stay close to home and raise his children.

After "Caddyshack," Dangerfield continued starring in and sometimes writing films such as "Easy Money," "Back to School," "Moving," "The Scout," "Lady "Lady-

bugs" and "Meet Wally Sparks. He turned dramatic as a sadistic father in Oliver Stone's 1994 "Natural Born Killers."

In 1995, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences rejected Dangerfield's application for membership.

It was the ultimate rejection, and Dangerfield played it to the hilt. He had established his own Web site at www.rodney.com ("I went out and bought an Apple computer; it had a worm in it"), and his fans used it to express their indignation.

The public reaction prompted the academy to reverse itself and offer membership. Dangerfield

"They don't even apologize or nothing," he said. "They give no respect at all - pardon the pun to comedy

Associated Press Writer Bob Thomas in

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Ballots destroyed

CAIRO — The clerk in Alexander County said she destroyed all of the ballots from the 2002 election shortly before she received a Freedom of Informa tion Act request to allow examination of several hundred questionable votes

Gloria Patton said she could not honor the Freedom of Information Act filed Sept. 7 Scripps Howard News Service to produce 3,451 punch-card ballots cast in the Nov. 5, 2002, gubernatorial election

The wire service is investigating ballots cast in Alexander County that did not register votes for the offices of governor, U.S. senator and Illinois attorney general.

Federal law requires every "officer of election" in the United States to retain voting records for at least 22 months. An attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, which three years ago filed a civil suit against the voting practices in Alexander County and three other state election districts, said he is concerned by Patton's admission

Clearing inmate's name

VA RICHMOND — A federal appeals court has ordered the state police to unseal most of the documents in its investigation of the slaying that former death row inmate Earl Washington Jr was wrongly convicted of committing

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that 10 of the documents in the investigation file should be opened because state police failed to present a compelling governmental interest that is sufficient to keep these documents sealed.

No gambling quarters

CARSON CITY — Slot machines, playing cards and even the famed Las Vegas skyline won't be on Nevada's quarter, much to the disappointment of state officials

State Treasurer Brian Krolicki said Friday that federal officials prohibited the use of gambling images on the five themes his office submitted to the U.S. Mint for the quarter that goes into circulation in January 2006.

The Las Vegas skyline was ruled out because it would show commercial gaming businesses.

Despite the presence of legal gambling in 48 states. Krolicki said some people strongly oppose gambling and might be offended by a Nevada gambling design. Al-though he disagreed with the federal decision, Krolicki said none of the quarter designs for other states shows commercial enterprises

KKK backs out of fair

MS JACKSON — A white supremacist group has canceled plans to have a booth at the Mississippi state fair after a reputed Ku Klux Klansman under investigation for the 1964 slavings of three civil rights workers said he had no intention of stopping by it, a state official says.

Nationalist Movement leader Richard Barrett's plans to be at the



fair and his promotion of Edgar Ray Killen as the booth's featured attraction triggered protests earlier this week by the NAACP and local leaders. Some critics called for a boycott of the 12-day state fair, which begins Wednesday.

Mississippi State Fair Director Mike Brinkley told The Clarion Ledger that Barrett, after getting nermission to have the booth now has decided not to have one.

Recycling cell phones

CA SACRAMENTO — California has become the first state in the nation to make cellular phone stores recycle the devices for free

Under legislation signed Thursday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, retailers must offer the ser vice by July 1, 2006. Backers said an estimated 19 million Californians use cellular phones, which last an estimated 18 months. Fewer than 5 percent are recycled statewide, however, and millions end up yearly in landfills

Playoff tickets returned

NJ SUMMIT — Talk about temptation: \$20,000 worth of box seat tickets for New York Yankees playoff games, just lying there on the street

Nine youngsters who came

across the tickets turned them in. "I am absolutely amazed by their honesty," said Fran Durst, a spokeswoman for Wachovia Bank, which owned the tickets "What a temptation, just to take these tick-



Ready for Halloween! Robb LoRee listens to his wife. Cindy on a cell phone, before he poses for a face painting seminar led by librarian Rick Morse Monday at the library in Flushing, Mich.

ets and go to the game. But they did the right thing." Only four of 70 tick-

ets in a package worth \$20,000 that apparently fell off a delivery truck Monday are still missing, she said Friday.

Since the tickets — some worth \$2,600 each — are for bank customers, the bank will treat the boys and their parents to a New Jersey Nets game Dec. 10 in the compa-ny's luxury box, Durst said.

Also among the rewards: the Yankees gave the boys tickets to Thursday night's dramatic 6-4 win over the Minnesota Twins that captured the American League East

Balloon accident

AUSTIN — Wind gusts blew a hot air balloon off course during a weekend landing attempt, ejecting its pilot and a passenger as the craft became entangled in power lines with a second passenger.

Two of the balloon's occupants were taken to North Austin Medical Center on Sunday night with minor injuries.

About 1.500 residents lost electrical power when the balloon crashed into transmission lines about 7 p.m. Power was restored

about two hours later Authorities said if the balloon's basket not become snagged in the power lines, the woman who remained inside probably would have flown away from a Northwest Austin athletic field, unskilled at maneuvering the craft.

"That would have been very interesting," Fire Department spokesman Palmer Buck told the Austin American-Statesman in Monday's online edition "She was getting ready to take off."

Phone snaps suspect

NASHVILLE - Thanks to a quick-thinking robbery victim and his camera phone, police had a photo of his alleged assailant and tracked him down in 10 minutes, police said.

James Robert Barker was in custody on charges of aggravated robbery after allegedly holding up limousine driver Ismael Miranda early Friday at a car wash, police said

Miranda was cleaning his limousine at the car wash when a red pickup truck pulled in and parked in a wash bay. The pickup's driver. later identified as Barker, made small talk before pulling a knife and demanding Miranda's money. Barker chased Miranda, threw a

garbage can at him and fled. But not before an alert Miranda snapped a photo of Barker and his getaway truck using a camera phone, police said.

Casino proposals tossed

OMAHA - Local financial planners, accountants and insurance agents joined efforts to defeat casino gambling proposals on the November ballot. One proposal would allow two casinos in Omaha and more than 4 900 video noker and slot machines at various locations around the state. The second would allow two casinos in Nebraska, with sites to be determined later



South Range sophmores Maria Fleming and Katie Over easy Spickler fall into the pond at Memorial Park next to their Ohio high school during the Raider Ragada on Monday. The spill happened after their boat fell apart. Tenth-graders built boats using only cardboard and duct tape and raced them during the annual ragada.



A 10-day-old, 6-foot Masai giraffe trots Feeling frisky around the outdoor exhibit area at Ellen Trout Zoo in Lufkin, Texas, on Tuesday. The yet-to-be named female giraffe is the second giraffe to be born at the zoo.



Brilliant fall in New England The early fall foliage frames the Stowe Community Church in Stowe, Vt., on Tuesday.



During a simulation of a fire, Kaylyn Learning fire safety Lewis, a kindergarten student at East Houma (La.) Elementary, is rescued by firefighter Jacob Aucoin on Tuesday at the East Houma Fire Station. Students learned the proper way to escape a fire during a class as part of Fire Prevention Week.



Pickin' time again Olivia Wegner, 2, and Sophie Wegner, 4, of Madison, Wis., search for pumpkins at Eplegaarden on Tuesday in Fitchburg, Wis.



Smoke and shadows in Grand Chute, Wis. There were no injuries. Grand Chute and Town of Menasha firefighters battle a house fire Tuesday

Nuclear fuel still missing

CA EUREKA — Utility officials have yet to locate four pounds of missing radioactive nuclear fuel at a shuttered nuclear power plant, but federal regulators insisted the search must continue.

"You have to exhaust all avenues to find it, and we expect you to continue searching for it," Bruce Mallet of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission told Pacific, Gas & Electric Co. officials at a public meeting Wednesday.

Three pieces of a nuclear fuel rod were discovered missing during an inventory in June at the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, and may be among hundreds placed in a deep storage pool before the plant closed in 1976. So far, a search has yielded 40 fuel fragments that are being analyzed to see if they match the missing pieces.

Fire in Bronx kills one

BRONX — A mouse ...
the Bronx killed BRONX - A house fire in 50-year-old man and injured eight others, including six firefighters. early Monday morning, officials said

The blaze at 2819 Decatur started at about 1:37 a.m. and 60 firefighters responded to it. The victim was found dead in a bedroom of the house. He remained unidentified, said firefighter Paul Iannizzotto, a fire department spokesman. Two civilians at the home were being treated for smoke inha-The firefighters suffered lation. minor injuries.

All of the injured were taken to Jacobi Medical Center.

The home is a three-story residence in the East Tremont section near Fordham University and Bronx Park.

The cause of the fire was unclear and is under investigation. Iannizzotto said officials do not believe it was a suspicious fire.

Priest with a bite

RICHMOND — A minister officer during a traffic stop avoided two years in prison after a judge gave him 10 years of probation and ordered him to enroll in an anger management program

After a Fort Bend County jury found the Rev. Curtis Lucas guilty in August of assault on a public servant, state District Judge Thomas R. Culver III sentenced Lucas to two years in prison.

But the judge also ordered that 52-year-old be brought back to court after 40 days to determine if he was eligible for a special form

of probation.

During Monday's hearing, Lucas read a letter of apology.

State closes girls camp

BARTOW — The state closed Florida's only boot camp for girls after local officials said they balked at adding voga. dance classes and other state-required activities without additional funding

Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow Jr. said he was distressed by state Department of Juvenile Justice requirements to add activities such as whiffle ball and aerobics. especially since they were mandated without additional funds to pay for them

The 20 girls interned in the nearly 10-year-old, county-run camp

have been sent to other programs around the state, and the facility will be used for the boys' boot camp program.

"The boot camp for girls was tough love," Crow told The Ledger of Lakeland for a Sunday story. "But, apparently, tough love is

Fund-raiser for library

OH LITHOPOLIS — Four original Norman Rockwell paintings will be sold to raise money for an Ohio library whose fi-nances have plummeted so abruptly that the Ohio attorney general is investigating the case.

The foundation that operates the Wagnalls Memorial Library authorized the sale of the paintings to raise money after the library's savings diminished from \$10 million in 1998 to \$3 million this year. Questions have arisen about what happened to the money.

The foundation, which gave out 140 \$1,000 scholarships to local students last year, will hand out only two this year.

The foundation hopes the paintings will net \$1.6 million to \$1.8 million and is negotiating with a New York auction house to handle the sale, said Carl Spencer, the foundation's executive director.

Stun gun use criticized

PROVIDENCE — The state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union wants police to ban the use of stun guns, which the group calls unsafe and mis-

The weapons, also known as Tasers, use probes to transmit electricity to temporarily disable a threatening person by overwhelming the nervous system for a few seconds.

The ACLU says police are using Tasers on unarmed criminals or in situations where deadly force is not authorized.

Steven Brown, executive director of the group's Rhode Island chapter, said if police used Taser guns instead of handguns, that would be progressive. But, he said, they're not

"The people who are getting stunned are not getting stunned as an alternative to deadly force, Brown said. "The Tasers are largely used simply as a way of dealing with unruly, intoxicated people who would not otherwise be on the receiving end of deadly force."

More affordable housing

HI HONOLULU — Some senior citizens may remember when rent for a new one-bedroom apartment in Waikiki was \$368 a month, or \$310 in Kihei. A few seniors soon will have the chance to pay rents that low today.

Six developers were awarded \$4.1 million in federal and state tax credits and \$13 million in low-interest loans to provide 323 affordable housing rentals across Hawaii, including properties in the oceanside communities of Waikiki and Kihei, state officials announced Tuesday. Five new affordable housing

units are being built on Maui, Oahu and the Big Island. Another agreement keeps the Lihue Gardens Elderly Apartments on Kauai as affordable housing project for another 50 years, according to the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii.

FACES



Musician Steve Earle on the left? You bet. But the theme of Earle's latest disc. "The Revolution Starts ... Now," is more about speaking up in general and less a tirade against President Bush - though he'd like that.

Earle sparks a 'Revolution'

Musician sings about overthrowing apathy

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK teve Earle is an unapologetic leftist who'd like nothing more than to see President Bush defeated in November. So what would people who disagree with his politics get from Earle's new CD, "The Revolution Starts ... Now," other than el-evated blood pressure? Actually, they might get fired up, too. For his disc's overriding theme is less about speaking up against Bush - though he'd like that - than speaking up in general

"I don't hold 'them' responsible for the fact that the country is not going the way that I think it ought to go," he said. "I hold us — the people who think like I do — responsible. We went to sleep. Democracy, it's hard work. It requires vigilance.

The title cut is an anthem about that very idea. Earle's revolution is simply overthrowing apathy and, as he sings, it begins "in your own backyard, in your own hometown."

To drive the point home, he repeats the sone at the album's end. On a blunter song you won't hear on the

radio, "F the CC," Earle sings that he's "been called a traitor and a patriot." Fine, he says, call me anything you want,

but don't forget that democracy flourishes with a cacophony of opinions.

"I'm trying to reach out to people that don't agree with me," he said. "I'm also trying to make people that do agree with me, that have been silent and intimidated into being quiet, Through his songs and activism. Earle has

campaigned against the death penalty for years. He's ratcheted up other topical content over his past three albums and earned the enmity of many Bush supporters with "John Walker's Blues." a song about the American who joined the Taliban in Afghanistan.

When he wrote "The Revolution Starts ... Now" and "Rich Man's War," Earle knew he had to get them out before Election Day. So he banged the rest of the disc out quickly, writing and recording on a song-a-day pace.

Like "John Walker's Blues," which tried to

get inside the head of John Walker Lindh, Earle wrote less about politics than characters whose lives are affected by the decisions of others There's a truck driver in Houston driving a

rig in Iraq, a young man who joined the Army to see the world and was sent to fight in Iraq, a soldier in Afghanistan whose car was being repossessed back home, a youth in Gaza strapped with a bomb to blow himself up in the name of Allah.

Earle lives near Kentucky's military base, Fort Campbell, and some of his material came

from watching what was happening there. And with a leering growl behind a reggae beat. Earle sings in "Condi. Condi" about his desire to seduce National security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

Huh? "I think she's kind of hot," he said. Her very existence fascinates me.

He and Rice are exactly the same age, he explains, and he often wonders how the highly educated Rice wound up with views diametri cally opposed not only to himself, but to the majority of black Americans

Alas, he was disappointed when Rice didn't show up at his promotional appearance in a Washington music store.

Earle was asked to join Bruce Springsteen, the Dixie Chicks, Jackson Browne and other artists who are touring this fall under the "Vote for Change" banner, to benefit efforts to defeat Bush. He turned it down for financial reasons, not

because he disagreed with their sentiment.

Can music make a political difference? Earle said he's lost track of the number of times people have approached him to say one of his songs changed their mind about the death penalty. "Don't try to tell me that songs don't change

people's hearts or minds about things," he said. "They do. They do that, they get you girls, it's a very powerful medium. Even political songs get you a certain kind of girl.

Jimmy Buffett not wasting away

Jimmy Buffett is far from "wasting away in Margaritaville." At 57, he continues to tour and record, with no plans to slow down "Well, I always said that I wouldn't

use a teleprompter and if I start to sing real flat, I'll hang it up," the singer says in an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes." "I'm having more fun now." Early in his career, Buffett wanted to

be a country singer. He moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he wrote for Billboard magazine. He relocated to Key West, Fla., in the

early 1970s and adopted his laid-back, toes-in-the-sand persona. His songs in-clude "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise.

Now Buffett has a new relationship with country music. He won a Country Music Award this year for his collabora-tion with Alan Jackson on "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," and recruited some of country music's biggest names to help him record "License to Chill," which includes a cover of Hank Williams' "Hey Good Lookin.' "

Stars hold benefit for ACLU

Robin Williams Paul Simon and a host of other entertainers took the stage in New York at a benefit for the American Civil Liberties Union, which forfeited money from a federal fund drive because it refused to screen its employees against a suspected terrorist "watch list Emily Whitfield, a spokeswoman for the ACLU, said the

event raised more than \$300,000 The benefit, held at Lincoln Center

for the Performing Arts, was produced by composer Philip Glass and featured about two dozen performers, including Richard Gere, Sarah Jones, Tony Kushner, Jake Gyllenhaal and his sister, Maggie Gyllenhaal.

The ACLU withdrew from the Combined Federal Campaign, a program that accepts donations from government and military personnel, because rules put in place under the Patriot Act require participating charities to make

sure no employees are on a 143-page list of names and aliases of possible terrorists.



Zellweger felt 'curt. clumsy' in London

"Bridget Jones" star Renée Zellweger says that being around British people makes her feel "curt and clumsy In an interview with London's Time Out magazine, the Oscar-winning actress — who lived in London while filming the hit 2001 comedy "Bridget Jones's Diary" and its sequel, "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" — also revealed that she plans to take a year off from movies to spend time with friends.

"What did become apparent to me when I was living in England were my Americanisms," the 35-year-old star said in the interview, published Tuesday. "I felt that so strongly. I felt loud and inappropriately direct.

"I felt curt and clumsy and I felt obnoxious in my straightforward way of communicating."

Zellweger said she had been reluctant to do a Bridget Jones sequel, fearing it was simply a moneymaking venture. "[But] I came to understand as we began to talk about it that it wasn't that at all."

Tribute concert for reporter held

About 150 diplomats, politicians, artists and others paid tribute in Karachi, Pakistan, at a concert by Pakistani musicians to Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was slain in the city by Islamic militants.

Pearl was kidnapped and beheaded in Karachi in 2002 while researching a story on Islamic militancy.

Pakistani vocalist Farooq Ahmed, accompanied by guitarist Amir Zaki, sang of tolerance, peace and harmony during the heavily guarded concert Monday night at the U.S. consular general's residence. "Daniel Pearl ... left friends the world over wherever he

had gone in search of truth to fulfill his professional obligations," said Douglas C. Rohn, the consul general,

He added that Pearl was a talented musician and joined bands wherever he went.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Debit or credit? A billion-dollar question

Credit-card firms, retailers trade swipes

BY ANDREA K. WALKEI

The (Baltimore) Sun

It's no mistake that the bank-card swipe device at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. asks customers first to enter their secret personal identification number their PIN — to begin a debit pur-

Nor is it a coincidence that Wachovia Corp, the United States' fourth-largest bank, recently launched a promotion for customers to earn discounts on various products purchased with one in bank's "check cards" provided that they sign for their purchases rather than use a PIN.

Although many shoppers don't realize it, they are in the middle of an invisible tug-of-war between credit card companies and major retailers in an increasingly cashless society. Whether a customer tested is not increasingly cashless between the customer than the companies of the customer than the companying fee the merchant — and sometimes the customer—must naw.

In the few seconds it takes to decide how to use their cards, shoppers collectively decide the fate of billions of dollars in fees.

"We're definitely seeing some steering from both sides," said Gail Hillebrand, a senior attorney with Consumers Union, a nonprofit consumer advocacy group. "It's hard to tell if it's more from the

banks or the retailers."

Electronic payments surpassed
the use of cash and checks for the

first time last year, according to a study by the American Bankers Association, a Washington trade group, and Boston-based Dove Consulting. Cash and checks accounted for 47 percent of consumer purchases in 2003, down from 51 percent in 2001. Just five years ago, cash and checks still accounted for 57 percent of purchases, the study found

Banks increasingly offer their customers cards that automatically withdraw money from a checking account at the point of pur-

Debits, accessed with a PIN code, instantly withdraw money from a customer's account for a purchase. When the customer signs for his purchase, the money also is withdrawn from the customer's account but moves through the Visa USA or MasterCard International networks and typically

takes a few days.
Although the signature-based purchase uses the credit-card networks and is commonly referred to as a "credit" option, it isn't a true credit card purchase that allows a consumer to pay off the balance over time. Visa and Masterda added their brands in the check-card field in the mid-1990s as consumers began to rely less on traditional credit cards.

Retailers often prefer that customers use their PIN, thus activating the debit portion of their cards, because transfer fees associated with those purchases – routed through regional debit networks — cost the stores from 18 cents to 65 cents per transaction. On the other hand, a signature-based debit transaction, which goes through Visa and MasterCard's networks, can cost the merchant more than \$1 per transaction.

Technology is making it easier for merchants to prompt shoppers to use their PINs. And retailers to use their PINs. And retailers to coax customers to do so since with the second state of the second state o

over payment options.

"We definitely are telling consumers to use their PIN because it's a more secure transaction that is cheaper for retailers and one that holds down prices for consumers," said J. Craig Sherman, vice president of public relations for the National Retail Federation in Washington.

Bank-card providers counter that the "signature" option offers more security and is more widely available for use in stores — part of their justification for charging merchants more for signature-backed purchases.

But industry experts acknowledge that revenue for the entity that carries the transaction is a large factor.

"A lot of banks encourage people to use signature-based more often because it's much more lucrative for the bank," said John Hall, a spokesman for the American Rankers Association

Store manager Stacey Kinyon, right, and customer Dana Johnson share a laugh as Kinyon rings up a purchase at a Janeville store in Bellevue, Wash., last month. Shoppers paying with a debit card can use their PIN or signature, a choice that has banks and retailers playing tug-of-war.

Both sides are using subtle and not-so-subtle ways to steer consum-

ers in their direction.
Charlotte, N.C.-based Wachovia
began last month to offer "Visa Extras" to its more than 6 million
check-card holders. Customers
can earn points for using their
check cards, but only if they sign
for the transaction. Users get a
point for every dollar spent and
can trade in points for discounts at

select retailers. Retailers are using their own subtle persuasions. Sometimes, cashiers simply ask customers if they prefer to use "debit" without mentioning the so-called "credit" option. Self-serve "swipe" machines also are programmed to chines also are programmed to their PIN and choose debit Many allow customers to use the signature option only if they push "cancel" and consumers often use their card as a debit rather than navigate through the extra steps. At a By's Warehouse Club in Bel Air, Md., stickers on the swipe machines at the self-serve registers suggest that customers type in

A liquor store chain in Houston tempts shoppers with discounts of 5 percent on their orders if they enter their four-digit code to activate a debit purchase. "It's a benefit for everybody. It as the customer and merchant money," said Ryan Holder, general manager of a downtown Hour to noutlet of Spec's Liquior. The family-owned chain first employed the discount idea to prod customers to use cash rather than credit, Now it uses it to spur the use of

"Tve been in hotels and gas stations where they post signs asking people to use debit because of the cost of processing the credit-card transactions," said Robert Hammer, a credit card industry consultant in California. "It's not so subtle anymore."

For shoppers, the option largey boils down to preference. Although credit card companies maintain there is more security protection on signed cards, many experts said banks often will replace a customer's stolen funds it their debit card and PIN number are stolen. Some consumer advocates argue that the PIN vertices is forgre a signature.

"Most banks will extend zero liability," said Jeffrey Green, editor of ATM&Debit News, a Chicago trade publication. "From a customer service point of view, it's better to do."

TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.2599
British pound	\$1.83
Japanese yen (Oct. 7)	108.00
South Korean won (Oct. 6)	1.119.00
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.39677
British pound	\$1.7839
Canada (Dollar)	1.2604
Denmark (Krone)	5.77
Egypt (Pound)	6.2352
Euro	\$1.2327
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7978
Hungary (Forint)	200.09
Iceland (Krona)	69.67
Israel (Shekel)	4.4663
Japan (Yen)	111.09
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.29460
Norway (Krone)	6.36
Philinnines (Peso)	56.29
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.59
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6847
South Korea (Won)	1147.90
Switzerland (Franc)	1.19
Thailand (Raht)	41.33

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 30-year bond
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 Sources: The Associated Press, Bank or Sources
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Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Use Web to fight fraud

BY CHUCK MYERS

Knight Ridder/Tribune

How does a person protect against a shady sales pitch or unauthorized credit-card use? One place to find helpful consumer fraud information is through state government office Web sites. Another place to go is one of the following sites:

Federal Consumer Information Center (www.pueblo. gsa.gov/scamsdesc.htm) — contains consumer protection tips on an array of fraud-related topics.

■ FraudBureau.com (www.fraudbureau.com) — provides consumer scam and viruses

alerts, with feature articles.

National Fraud Information
Center (www.fraud.org/

Center (www.fraud.org/ welcome.htm) — offers information on telemarketing, Internet, elderly and business fraud. ■ Public Interest Research

Groups (www.pirg.org/ consumer/index.htm) — dedicated to exposing consumer abuse.



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Sunny to partly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs in the lower 60s, Friday lows in the lower 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly to mostly cloudy with gusty winds. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with dense fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 70s, Friday lows in the

France: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s to mid 70s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to upper 50s.

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s, Friday lows in the lower to mid 40s.

Southern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid 60s to upper 70s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

in the morning. Highs in the lower to mid 70s, Friday lows in the mid 50s to lower 60s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s to lower 80s, Friday lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy with fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 70s, Friday lows in the lower 40s to lower 50s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with rainshow-ers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower to upper 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to mid

Portugal, Spain: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s to lower 90s, Friday lows in the mid 50s to

Turkey: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s to mid 80s, Friday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home





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Horoscope

The moon is void early in the day so if you're not sure how you're feeling, don't worry about it. The tendency is to doubt your plans, but resist the sec ond-guessing game. Just do what's on your list, and count yourself among the productive people. The moon enters Leo in the afternoon, and you'll start to regain confidence in your direction

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 7). This is the

vear vou've been waiting for. A major growth spurt in your emotional life manifests itself in the next two months On the other side of this, you're ready to comfortably and responsibly take on more than you ever have. Finances are much improved through the holidays, but spend wisely, even on the little things, to stay lucky

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Sure, you've got a fabulous sense of humor, but do not always be joking. Sigmund Freud argued that there are no jokes. Consider the subtext of what you are saying to others and how your words might make them fee

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The past is no indicator of where you're going. Surprising turns are in

store. Not even you could have predicted where you'll end up. Make the most of your opportunities by getting organized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You'll hear from the old peanut gallery today. It seems certain peo ple always have an opinion, but seldom is it one that helps you on your quest. That's why it's important not to show anyone your half-finished works.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Just when you'd like to stay in and be comfortably cocooned from the rest of the world, you should go out instead. Make yourself accessible, and make your talents known. This

is no time to coddle vourself. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is a mountain to move, and you're the one who's got to do it. Luckily this mountain comes in the form of

scraps of paper, two-minute tasks and "errands" that can be accom-

plished online or over the phone. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes, you act on impulse, but more often, you act on second

Joyce Jillson

thought. In matters of romance, you benefit from doing the former, but in business latter. Tonight, deliver a

you're better off doing the sincere act of gratitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Try to

lighten up. It's not as though the hones and dreams of your entire family are riding on your shoulders. OK, so maybe they are a little hit Rut that's their problem. Your responsibility is to follow your own

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Nothing annoys you like people who feel entitled to a station they've done nothing to deserve. So remember that you, too, should get to your rightful place through the merit of your actions, not through presump-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Your mind is filled with "if onlys." If only I were thinner, riche or more successful, then I could be attractive to X. This is all teen fanta sy stuff, but it gets you thinking about your goals again. Oh veah - remember those?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You'll notice that you're power - more powerful than you thought you were. Perhaps that's why friends and family tend to duck behind you for cover. Your strength is your willingness to confront what needs to be confronted.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You're focused, centered and ready for anything. That's why people come to you when they're wondering what to do next. Take time to prepare not only for your own activities but also a list of tasks you can possibly delegate

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though diplomacy has gotten you

this far, now it's time to overstep your boundaries. You are admired for your audacity. People around you were just waiting for someone to say what was on everyone's mind

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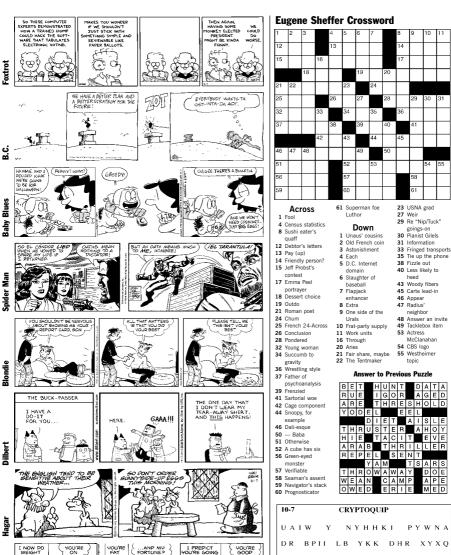
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A PERSON WANTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH A FISH, I SUPPOSE HE COULD DROP IT A LINE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals T

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

I guess we'll

just order out

WHAT THE KING

SAID WHEN THE

STORM RUINED HIS

PICNIC PLANS.

(Answers tomorrow)

Tipping for hair care big debate

Dear Abby: I'm writing in response to "Curly in Chester-field, Mo.," who asked for guide lines on tipping hairdressers who rent their stations and keep 100 percent of the fees they charge. "Curly" was of the opinion that tipping is only Dear Abby for people who work on

commission. You correctly advised her to ask her hairdresser if tips are accepted and advised her that the usual amount is 15 to 20

percent of the bill Speaking as a hairstyl-ist for the last 20 years, I cannot believe the number of people who don't know how to tip. Wheth er the stylist is an

owner, manager or just a hairstylist, that person is still giving the customer a service. Many of my clients give more than that, and some still give nothing.

People should remember that when they give a tip, they are saying, "Thank you.

- Stylist in Wisconsin Dear Stylist: Not everyone

agrees. Read on

Dear Abby: I disagree with your reply to "Curly." My hair-dresser rents her station from

the salon owner. She sets her own prices and hours. I typically pay her \$100 for a cut, style and highlights, which takes her about 21/2 hours. The woman makes more per hour than I do, at a business she basically owns! I only tip people who work for someone and earn minimum wage. I

don't tip restaurant owners, and they don't expect it. They want my return business - Rene in San Pedro

Dear Rene: And that's your privilege. Read on:

Dear Abby: Thank you so much for your response to "Curly." Customers think that because we pay rent, we pocket

all our income. Wrong! People don't realize that on top of the rent we pay, we must also pur chase all of our own tools, chemicals and products. Our scissors alone cost at least \$150 - most of the time more. When they need sharpening, it costs \$25. We have no benefits. We must pay for 100 percent of our insurance. If our kids get sick and we can't work - we don't get paid. When a customer stands us up, we are

for that customer. It is amazing to me how those who have the most money are the stinglest tippers — and the people who have little are so generous! I feel that when you treat customers with love and cater to their needs, a tip is their response to how well we are doing our job.

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are also out the time we allocated

- Miss Tress in Kankakee, Ill. Dear Miss Tress: And so do I.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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PHONY WEDGE BRANDY AROUND The cowboy didn't join his pals in the saloon because he was - ON THE "WAGON"

Daughter hears parents have sex Family Circus

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"PJ's gonna have it easy learning to write his name."

Dear Annie: This December, it will be one year since our daughter. 'Cara," moved back home after graduating college Cara's bedroom and our master bedroom share a wall. She claims the wall can hear our bed squeak and listen to pieces of our conversation She has even kidded us about it in front of our friends, and we all have laughed

My husband and I have always enjoyed a very active and enjoyable sex life - until now. The knowledge that Cara can hear us has put a damper on our intimacy Except when we take a long week end trip, our sex life has virtually come to a halt. We both work long hours, and it is difficult to schedule a quick get-together when we think Cara will be gone for an hour or two. Even so, I am always afraid she might come back in the middle, so we often end up not doing anything.

It really bothers me that I feel such pressure from Cara's keen hearing that I need to hide out. I

Annie's Mailbox

have talked to Cara about it, and she insists she doesn't want to stop us from enjoying our-selves. Nonetheless, I am frozen and cannot seem to shake it off.

- Under a Cloud Dear Under a Cloud. The best solution would be if Cara found her own living arrangements and you should

encourage this. You also might consider installing some soundproofing material

on your walls so Cara stops eavesdropping on your love life Until then, put out a "Do Not Disturb" sign or wrap your husband's tie on the entrance doorknob, and tell Cara it means she should run some errands for a couple of hours.

Dear Annie: I recently lost my wife of over 20 years to the Seventh Commandment (adultery). I never saw it coming. I trusted her completely.

I have two teenage children

who live with me, and we are struggling. I am an emotional mess. I find it very difficult to work every day and still perform all the duties my wife did. I have no time to do anything but try to maintain some stability for my children. I'm almost 50 years old. How does a man who was dedicat ed to only one woman for over 25

years find happiness again? — Augusta, Ga.

Dear Augusta: You are over whelmed because you are still grieving over the loss of your marriage, and you're trying to do too much

Counseling will help you and our children find some balance. You sound like a good person, and you will make some woman a great catch. When you're ready, tell your friends you're interested in dating again, and let them help you get back into circulation.

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Lyon Open

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Lopez, Spain. 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, def. Max Mirnyi,
Belarus, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Radek
Stepanek, Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-0.

Tuesday Singles First Round Sweden, def. Tommy Ro-Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Tommy Ro-bredo (5), Spain, 6-1, 6-4, David Ferrer, Spain, def. Raemon Sluiter, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4, Max Mirnyi, Belarus, def. Mario Ancic (8), Croatia, 6-3, 3-1, retired. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Luis Horna,

Mikhail Youzhny, Russla, def. Luis Horna, Peru, 6-4, 7-6 (1). Vince Spadea (7), United States, def. Robby Ginepri, United States, 6-4, 6-3. Agustin Calleri, Argentina, def. Nicolas Massu (1), Chile, 6-3, 6-4. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Paul-Herri Mathleu, France, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2. Juan-Carlos Ferrero (3), Spain, def. Sargis Sargsian, Armenia, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

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Weingartner, Germany, 6-0, 6-0,
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Maleeva, Bulgaria, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

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NASCAR – Fined Dale Earnhard Jr. \$10,000
and docked him 25 championship points for
using a vulgarity during a televised interview following the Oct. 3 race.

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Sheffield won't be punished for steroid admission

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Yankees star Gary Sheffield will not be penalized by the commissioner's office after his admission that he unknowingly used a cream two years ago that contained illegal steroids

Sports Illustrated reported in this week's issue that the New York outfielder was supplied a cream by BALCO, the California lab at the center of a federal probe into illegal steroids distribution

Sheffield said he applied the cream on his surgically repaired right knee in 2002. He was not told it contained an illegal steroid, the magazine said.

Under baseball's labor deal. players with major league contracts were each tested once for steroids this season. A provision allows more frequent testing if a joint management-labor panel of physicians finds "reasonable

"There is a reasonable-cause provision in the Basic Agreement, but it is limited to activity within the last 12 months. Obviously, this activity was before the 12-month window," Rob Manfred baseball's executive vice president of labor relations, said at Yankee Stadium before Tuesday's AL playoff series opener

against Minnesota. 'The more important issue is what are people doing today. That's why we have a testing program and we have good information on all major league players as a result of the testing program," Manfred said.

Sheffield also told ESPN he used another steroid called "the clear" for two months, the network reported Tuesday. He said it was to aid his recovery from workouts and that he stopped

using it because it wasn't helping. Bob Holley, the lawyer for BALCO president Victor Conte, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Tuesday that "BALCO provided Gary Sheffield with no illegal substances and the BALCO received from check Sheffield was for legal nutritional supplements."

Sheffield refused to address the situation Tuesday but said it would not distract him.

"I always speak my mind, like I told you all that before. That's a story I did before, and I stick by that and that's the end of it" he

"Unfortunately, everything always comes out when it's a special moment for me and my team-mates," he said, "Same thing hanpened the first day of spring training, the same thing happens the first day of the playoffs. I'm looking forward to getting it behind me and moving forward."





Anaheim Angels team members, from left, Scott Shields, Curtis Pride, Adam Kennedy and Tim Salmon watch from the dugout during the seventh inning of Game 1 of the American League Division Series against the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday in Anaheim. Calif. The Angels gave up five unearned runs and lost 9-3.

Red Sox take Game 1 on road with help from Angels defense

By JOHN NADEL The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. - The Anaheim Angels decided to go with their best defensive lineup in Game 1 of the AL playoffs

The decision wound up aiding the Boston offense Third baseman Chone Figgins made a throwing error that led to five unearned runs in the fourth inning Tuesday, helping the Red Sox beat the Angels 9-3

"It's tough to give a club as stacked offensively as they are extra outs, and I think we did," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Pedro Martinez will pitch against Anaheim's Bartolo Colon in Game 2 on Wednesday night as the Red Sox try to take a commanding 2-0 lead before the best-of-five division series moves to Boston.

Scioscia said before the opener he wanted to start a strong defensive lineup. That meant Figgins would play third base and light-hitting Alfredo Amezaga would play second for the injured Adam Kennedy.

Had Scioscia opted for more offense, Figgins would have played second and rookie Dallas McPherson third.

That's a possibility for Game 2.

The Red Sox led 3-0 and had the bases loaded with one out in the fourth against losing pitcher Jarrod Washburn when Johnny Damon hit a grounder just to the left of Figgins, who fielded it cleanly. But going for the force at home, he was far off target with his throw.

Two runs scored on the error. One out later. Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer off Scot Shields to cap a seven-run burst and make it 8-0.

Even with Boston's Curt Schilling not at his best, the outcome was decided. "We make that play and they score two runs in-stead of seven," Washburn said. "If that play gets

made by Figgy — and he makes that play nine times out of 10 — it would have been a different game."

The Angels are in a familiar place, having lost series openers to the Yankees. Twins and Giants two years ago before rebounding to beat those teams en route to the World Series championship.

"Hopefully we can bounce back like we did then," Washburn said

Schilling gave up nine hits and three runs, two earned, and allowed at least one baserunner in every inning. He walked two and struck out four in 62/3 innings.

The 37-year-old right-hander entered with a 5-1 record and a 1.66 ERA in 11 previous postseason anpearances.

He also tweaked his right ankle and said afterward it was a little sore. But he said he doesn't believe it will create any problems.

'We're up 1-0. Tomorrow's starters will deter-



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, left, congratulates Kevin Millar after hitting a two-run home run against the Anaheim Angels in the fourth inning on Tuesday.

mine momentum going into the game." Schilling said. "This is a tough place to win. But we've got Pedro going. I'm pretty excited about that. Schilling said he felt "incredibly strong" in the

bullpen before the game and had good velocity, but struggled otherwise. "I knew I wasn't as sharp as I have been," he said

"Looking back, I made some mistakes today. I left some pitches over the plate. [But] solo home runs don't beat you."

Each team hit two homers, but Boston's produced five runs and Anaheim's only two.

"You want to go home with at least one win because you know you have only two games at home and anything can happen." Boston's David Ortiz

Just like the 2002 postseason, most of the fans at Angel Stadium wore red and made it noisy by bang-ing ThunderStix. The volume level decreased significantly after the Red Sox took their big lead, and not even stuffed Rally Monkeys could help the home team.

The seven runs were the most ever scored by the Red Sox in an inning in the postseason and the most ever allowed by the Angels

Schilling was relieved by Alan Embree with a runner at second, two outs in the seventh and the Red Sox leading 8-3. Embree retired pinch-hitter Adam

Riggs on foul popup to end the inning. Boston went ahead for good off Washburn in the first on a two-out double by Ramirez and a bro-

ken-bat single by Ortiz. Ortiz walked to begin the fourth and Kevin Millar hit an 0-1 offspeed pitch into the left-field bullpen, making it 3-0

Figgins made his costly error a few minutes later.

Baseball playoffs scoreboard

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Santana: Jones homers after arriving on red-eye flight SANTANA, FROM BACK PAGE

"We had many opportunities," Yankees manager Joe Torre said."Santana probably didn't have his best stuff tonight, but when he needed to get a groundball, he got it.

Jones, just back from California after making funeral arrangements for his father, homered off Mike Mussina in the sixth.

Jones took a red-eve flight to rejoin the team Tuesday and intends to go back to California for the funeral Thursday.

"A lot of guys on the team expected to see him do something special tonight," Gardenhire said. "I think that's supposed to happen, he's supposed to hit a home

Jones' opposite-field drive to left was his first postseason homer - he pumped his fist in the air when it cleared the wall just after he rounded first base. and as he crossed the plate he pointed skyward.

"I know he's excited," Jones said of his father, Hardy. "He's watching me like he always has, even when he was here with us.

The closest the AL East champs came to scoring was in the seventh — after another of the long "God Bless America" renditions that Gardenhire dislikes. Sierra hit a drive past the left-field foul pole — left-field umpire Jerry Crawford signaled a home run, but after a huddle by several umpires, the call was correctly reversed to foul, drawing boos from

Mussina, the most dependable starter on the weakest Yankees' rotation in years, had been 20-2 against the Twins before losing in e playoffs last year and at the Metrodome on Aug. 18. "We hit the ball hard at some

the sellout crowd of 55 749

people," Yankees captain Derek Jeter said. "That's the way it

Astros' Killer B's running out of chances

BY PAUL NEWBERRY The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Killer B's are back to try again, facing a familiar nemesis. Who knows? This might be the last

chance for Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell to show they can come through when it matters most.

They've been together with the Houston

Astros since 1991, forming baseball's version of Jagger & Richards, Thelma & Louise and all those other great partnerships. But Biggio and Bagwell are getting on in

years and they enter another postseason with all sorts of baggage — namely, their dismal playoff numbers and the team in the opposing dugout.

Bagwell has a career average of .174 once the regular season ends, with no homers and four puny RBIs in the 46 at-bats. Biggio is even worse: .130 with no homers and one RBI in 54 at-bats.

Most of their postseason outs have come against the Atlanta Braves, the team that has beaten the Astros in three of their last four playoff appearances and gets another crack at them this year.

The best-of-five NL division series opened Wednesday at Turner Field.

"It's a sense of urgency because you just don't know how many times it's going to happen," the 36-year-old Bagwell said. "It's no secret that it's toward the end of our careers. So when we get another oppor-





Game 1 of the Astros-Braves series ended after this edition went to press. See Friday's Stars and Stripes for coverage of the game.

tunity to play in the playoffs, we want to take advantage of it."

Biggio, who turns 39 in December, insisted that he's only concerned with the future, not the past.

"I can't worry about it," he said. "Every postseason has a new story and a new glitch. What's happened in the past, you can't go back there and do anything about it. It's over. The best thing we can do is go out and win some games."

At this time of year, the Astros always seem to come up short, a dismal postseason history that predates Biggio and Bagwell.

In 1980, they were within six outs of advancing to the World Series but lost to Philadelphia in a memorable NL championship series. The next year, Houston squandered a two-game lead in the playoffs, dropping the last three games in Los Angeles. In 1986, the Astros were on the verge of forcing Game 7 in the NLCS against the New York Mets, only to give up three runs in the ninth and lose the series in a 16-inning thriller.

During the Killer B's era, Houston has lost four straight times in the division series, making the franchise 0-for-7 in the

postseason.

"Let's keep knocking on wood and hope we can keep that going," Braves third base-

man Chipper Jones said.

The Astros are hardly a two-man team, which should take some of the burden off Biggio and Bagwell.

Two other B's — switch-hitters Carlos Beltran and Lance Berkman — put up better offensive numbers. So did Jeff Kent. A pair of Cy Young contenders, Roger Clemens and Roy Oswalt, will start the first two

"It's not the same team either way," Bagwell said. "The Braves are not the same club. None of these guys were pitching, except for John Smoltz. We have a different cast of characters. You can throw all that stuff away and hope that when you get opportunities to score runs, it happens to go your way."

Bagwell takes offense when those last four postseason flops are pinned on two guys. Sure, the Killer B's morphed into the Killer Z's at playoff time. But they didn't get a whole lot of help from their teammates, either.

"Everybody focuses on what I've done or what Craig has done," Bagwell said. "When you say the Astros, you say Biggio and Bagwell, and you say postseason, and you think it's because of us. That's not understanding the game when you blame it totally on us."

Actually, the Astros entered this series with the look of a favorite.

After stumbling through the first 4/8 months, they claimed the wild card by winning 36 of their last 46 games — including an 18-game winning streak at home. With Clemens (18-4) and Oswalt (20-10) starting the first two games, Houston has to like its chances of at least gaining a split in Atlant. Then it's back to Minute Maid Park, where the Astros haven't lost since Aug. 20.

The NL East champion Braves, who have plenty of postseason failures themselves, like the idea of being the underdog. No one on their once-dominating staff has more wins than Game 1 starter Jaret Wright (15-7). No one in the lineup has 100 RBIs (the Astros have three such players in Beltran, Berkman and Kent).

"I like being the hunter," Jones said. "So

"I like being the hunter," Jones said. "So many years in the postseason, we've been the hunted. Nobody gives us a chance to win the World Series. No one gave us a chance to win the NL East. But here we stand.

"Until we get knocked out of the postseason, we're going to continue to believe in ourselves."

Cardinals outfielder Walker a rare bird

ST. LOUIS
he Dodgers were off Wednesday,
which is just as well.

This time of the year, you always need time to heal those nagging injuries.

Like whiplash.

On a perfect Tuesday afternoon for jogging, the Cardinals took five slow trips around Busch Stadium's bases.

Odalis Perez faced 15 Cardinals and retired eight, and Game 1 of this National League Division Series sailed outta here before the lunch utensils hit the dishwasher.

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"You can't defend home runs," Jim
Tracy mused after his Dodgers lost 8-3,
making them 0-7 in postseason play since
Game 5 of the 1988 World Series, which
was during the Reagan administration.

At least Perez took care of his no-decision problem.

The game was under control until the two-out, nobody-on mark of the third inning. The Cardinals had been cautious until then, watching Perez find spots with his breaking stuff. They had taken nine called strikes to that point, and only led, 1-0, thanks to a breathtaking Albert Pujols home run off what appeared to be a safe, down-and-in Perez changeur.

But here came Larry Walker, who has to be one of the few 389-homer No.2 hitters in postseason history.

"My first time up had been horrible," Walker said, referring to a first-inning strikeout. "I'd had horrible at-bats against Perez."

Actually, Walker had been 1-for-16 against Perez going into the game. Someone mentioned the stat at Walker's presspriefing, and the moderator repeated it for those who couldn't hear.

Walker grinned.

"You didn't have to ask it twice," he joked. "Now it's 2-for-32."

It became 2-for-18 almost immediately. Walker bashed Perez's first pitch deep into the right-field fans, wearing Cub-baitMark Whicker



ing red shirts that read,
"Hey, Chicago, How's
The TV Reception?"
That made it 2-0 and
critically wounded
Perez. Pujols singled,
Scott Rolen walked,

ritically wounded Perez. Pujols singled, Scott Rolen walked, and Edgar Renteria scored them both with a double that bounced off the jutting portion of the seats, and away from left-fielder Jayson Werth.

The rest was batting practice, including another Walker shot in the seventh inning, off Giovanni Carrara.

In between, Walker got fooled on Cesar Izturis' drive, chased it frantically and watched it bounce off his glove for what was scored a double. Izturis scored on Werth's double.

"I gave one back but I got two myself," Walker said. Then he lobbied for the official scorer to change the double to an error, on himself.

"It hits my glove, I should catch it," he

No, there aren't many like him.

When St. Louis traded three minor-leaguers to Colorado for Walker on Aug. 6, left fielder Reggie Sanders observed, "I didn't think our lineup could get any better. But it

The game, or at least Walker's relentless approach to it, has done its damage to his ribs and his groin and his legs. He missed all but 37 games in Colorado because of a groin problem, and hit only 18 home runs last year. It thus became easy to forget that, during much of the late '90s, Walker was baseball's best player.

This is a three-time batting champ who, in '97, won the MVP award when he slammed 49 home runs and drove in 130 runs. He also had the best outfield arm in baseball and has 228 steals. Ex-manager Don Baylor called him a "6-tool player" because of his instincts.



The St. Louis Cardinals acquired Larry Walker on Aug. 6 to bolster their lineup for their run to the postseason. The move has paid off. The first of Walker's two home runs Tuesday started a big third inning that propelled the Cardinals to an 6-3 victory and a 1-0 National League Division Series lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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Walker, a 10-and-5 man, turned down trades to Arizona, Texas and Florida but approved the deal to St. Louis because of its idolatrous fans and the Cardinals' impending NL Central pennant. He called his brother and said their annual fishing trip, in early October, was probably off.

"I got two calls telling me the trade had gone through," Walker said. "One was from Jim Edmonds and the other was from Scott Rolen. I felt comfortable quite quickly. Everybody's funny here, and I just kind of slid in here with my goofiness."

Veteran Dodger Stadium fans might remember Walker's most famous brainlock moment. It happened in '94 when Walker was with Montreal, on a Sunday night ESPN game.

The right-fielder caught a fly ball in foul territory and handed it to a young fan at the railing. He took a few steps in, then scurried desperately back and told the kid, "I need this back for a minute."

Walker had forgotten there was only one out. His throw was too late to keep Jose Offerman from getting to third.

When the clubhouse opened, Walker was sitting there waiting for the press. He looked up, deadpan, and mimicked the

ESPN theme: "Dah-dah-dah, dah-dah-dah." So what if he hadn't been to the postseason since 1995? There was no sign in the clubhouse that warned, "Stop Having Fun."
"I'm one that doesn't believe in pressure," Walker said. "Either I'm going to

win or I'm going to lose, I'm going to succeed or fail. I don't go beyond that."
"I think he knew our guys but he didn't know how we play," said Tony LaRussa,

the manager.

"I've heard him say it. But how we play is how he plays. He has made our lineup

is how he plays. He has made our lineup better, and everybody on our club pays attention to everything Larry does."

It was sort of hard for the Dodgers to avoid him. Now they have to win three of four to advance, against a team that went from July 2 to July 23 without losing three

So it might have been wretchedly excessive for LaRussa to say, "I think our team is fun to watch, unless you're on the other side sometimes."

Then again, St. Louis didn't get to be the best club in the National League by playing fair. It got Larry Walker.

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Purdue's players attracting rock-star treatment

By Jon Krawczynski The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Kyle Orton is no rock star, but he's starting to feel like one

As the wins and big numbers pile up for ninth-ranked Purdue. Orton and his teammates are re ceiving considerable attention

After Purdue (4-0) routed Notre Dame for their first victory in South Bend in 30 years, they were mobbed by fans and autograph seekers outside the stadium.

It's something that has caught the players by surprise, especially Orton, the low-key quarterback from Altoona, Iowa.

"I tell the guys, 'Once you leave the locker room, stay on the move. Once you stop, the feeding frenzy is upon you, coach Joe Tiller said Tuesday

Orton experienced that Satur day after completing 21 of 31 pass es for 385 yards and four touchdowns in the Boilermakers' 41-16 victory over the Fighting Irish.

He has 17 touchdown passes and no interceptions in four games this season, injecting himself squarely into the chase for Heisman Trophy. That amount of success at football's glamour position has put Orton in the public eye, and he was the No. 1 target for fans at Notre Dame



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Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton was besieged by autograph seekers last weekend at Notre Dame.

The attention is starting to wear on him

"I know there are people who want autographs, and that's fine, but it's getting tough," Orton said. (The crowd) was pretty unbelievable after the last game, and I tried to sign as many kids' autographs as I could. I felt bad about the ones I couldn't sign, but I also wanted to see my parents and visit with them."

Success has started to make security necessary for the Boilermakers as they travel to and from

"It became an issue for the first time in South Bend," Tiller said. "I don't think we need security from a safety point of view, but from the logistics point of view."

Security officers will be present this Saturday in State College, Pa., where the Boilermakers will play Penn State (2-3) in their third straight road game.

"We're going to have it coming off of the bus and in the stadium at Penn State," Tiller said. "So many people want an autograph that if the guys stopped they wouldn't be able to leave for another hour and a half after the game was over.'

If the Boilermakers keep rolling - they lead the nation in total offense with 549.2 yards a game and are second in scoring with an average of 47.2 points - it's only going to get more intense.

Orton will deal with it, as long as the wins keep coming, too.

"(The hype) is obviously picking up, and I know it's going to get bigger and bigger, but that's how it goes," he said.

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Despite violating his probation, Braves' Furcal cleared to play

Shortstop had second DUI arrest in four years last month

MARIETTA, Ga. - Atlanta Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal was cleared Wednesday to play in the postseason despite a probation violation on a drunken-driving charge

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The ruling came hours before the Braves were to open their divisional playoff series against the Houston Astros

Furcal must remain in home confinement for the rest of the sea son. He has to return to a hotel if on the road, Judge David Darden said Wednesday

Furcal also must blow into a portable breath-testing machine when called by a monitoring service affiliated with the probation department. The machine, hooked up to a cell phone and video camera. will relay the test results to officials.

"Don't take it lightly," Darden said. "The court is concerned a second violation might indicate he has a problem with judgment with regard to alcohol."

The 26-year-old shortstop, wearing a warmup jacket with NBA star Allen Iverson's nickname on the back, appeared in court with a translator, Furcal, the 2000 National League rookie of the year, batted .279 with 14 homers, 59 RBIs and 29 stolen hases this season

Furcal snoke little during the hearing answering 'yes" or nodding several times when the judge asked him if he understood the proceedings. A translator repeated the questions in Spanish for Furcal, who is from the Dominican Republic.

Furcal was arrested Sept. 10 and accused of driving under the influence, his second DUI arrest in four years. That arrest violated his probation in Cobb County for a June 2000 arrest on similar charges

Darden sentenced Furcal to 21 days in jail to be followed by a 28-day in-house treatment program. He delayed the start of the sentence until the day after the Braves' season ends.

Cobb County Solicitor Barry Morgan said the sentence reflected that Furcal had 49 days left on his probation. He said he was allowed to continue playing because he accepted responsibility. I think one of the positive examples is that he has

admitted he has a problem," Morgan said.

Indians GM: Vizquel's return is a 'longshot'

CLEVELAND - Indians General Manager Mark Shapiro has bigger priorities this offseason than bringing back shortstop Omar Vizquel.

Vizquel, who will become a free agent next month when the Indians don't pick up his \$5 million contract option for 2005, wants to return for a 12th season in Cleveland. However, Shapiro is targeting a starting pitcher and perhaps a closer before he can

consider offering the 37-year-old Vizquel a deal Shapiro called bringing back the widely popular Vizguel "a longshot."

"We're trying to build a championship team and Omar could be a part of that, could be," Shapiro said Tuesday, "That doesn't mean he has to be, I want Omar back, but I want this team to have the best chance to contend next year from Day One.

Shapiro met with Vizquel and the shortstop's agent, Adam Katz, on Monday to discuss the possibility of his return. No financial parameters were dis-

sed, said Shapiro, Vizguel batted .291 with seven homers and 59 RRIs this season. He also scored 82 runs, stole 19 bases and played well enough in the field to possibly

Caminiti admits testing positive for cocaine

win a 10th Gold Glove

HOUSTON - Former National League Most Valuable Player Ken Caminiti admitted Tuesday he violated his probation by testing positive for cocaine last month and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

State District Judge William Harmon, however gave Caminiti credit for time he already has served in jail or a treatment center since he received three years deferred adjudication for felony cocaine posession in March 2001.

As a result, Caminiti, who already has spent 189 days behind bars, was expected to be released from jail sometime Tuesday evening, his attorney Terry If Caminiti successfully had completed his proba-

tion, the conviction would not have appeared on his record. Because he admitted to failing a drug test in September, a guilty verdict was entered in the case. Caminiti has failed four drug tests since going on

probation in 2002 for possession of cocaine, according to his probation officer.

Oklahoma's big-play defense has shaped Red River Shootout eryday in practice and watch a lot

BY JEFF LATZKE The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. - There's something about Texas that brings the big plays out of Oklahoma's defense

"I think anytime the competition stiffens up, you always see who's going to be a player that shines Sooners Lance Mitchell said. "When the competition rises, your play has to rise.

second-ranked Sooners and fifth-ranked Longhorns meet Saturday in the Red River Shootout, a rivalry that's been dominated recently by Oklahoma.

One of the defining moments of the Sooners' four-game winning streak was in 2001 when Oklaho ma safety Roy Williams went flying Superman-style over a Texas blocker and hit Longhorns quarterback Chris Simms at his own goal line, causing a deflected pass that fell into linebacker Teddy Lehman's hands for a touchdown

Williams intercepted Simms' next pass to help seal a 14-3 win.

In 2002 the Sooners stifled Simms and the Longhorns while rallying from a 17-11 deficit. Oklahoma defenders picked off three passes, with the last leading to the go-ahead score.

Last year, defensive end Jonathan Jackson intercepted Vince Young's pass and brought it back 21 yards for a score to make it 27-7 midway through the second quarter. By halftime, it was 37-13 and the rout was on. The Sooners had six takeaways in a 65-13 walkover

In all, the Sooners have forced 16 turnovers in their past four games against Texas.

"We have made some really good, strong plays when we've had to," coach Bob Stoops said. "Those are always exciting when we do.

Cornerback Antonio Perkins said momentum-changing plays are a result of preparation.

'We know that if we prepare ev-

of game film and know what's coming at us, we have a chance to be in position for a big play," Perkins said. "That's mainly what it is. We're always in position and we make the plays when they count the most. Emotions are also a factor with

5,000 fans — half in crimson and half in burnt orange — screaming in hopes that their team will take the game that's turned into a steppingstone to the Big 12 title game. "Sometimes emotion can get the better of you and put you out

of position, too," Stoops said. "If ou're running really fast or extra fast the wrong way, you're further out of position.

"Being emotional doesn't win for you. Being physical, being disciplined — that's what wins for you first."

Perkins was quick to point out that the Sooners aren't the only ones who'll bring big-play poten-

tial to the Cotton Bowl 'I think this game brings out the best in both sides," Perkins said. "They make big plays, too."

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Disgruntled Cassell a no-show at Timberwolves camp

COLLEGEVILLE. Minn. Sam Cassell was a no-show on the first day of training camp Tuesday, sending a message to the Minnesota Timberwolves that he was displeased about not getting a contract extension.

"He's not totally unhappy, he just feels it's time for him to look out for his interests," said Charles Tucker, Cassell's agent.

Tucker said he spoke to Cassell on Tuesday afternoon, and that his client was in Minneapolis The agent said he honed to meet with Cassell on Tuesday evening, but he didn't know when Cassell would report to camp. Cassell also missed the team's media day on Monday.

"Does he want to be there? Yes," Tucker said.

After the Wolves' evening practice, vice president of basketball operations Kevin McHale said he also snoke with Cassell, McHale said he was hopeful that Cassell would report on Wednesday, but wouldn't guarantee it.

"Until they show up, I'm not banking on nothing." McHale said.

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Cassell's contract calls for him to be paid \$5.65 million this season and \$6.1 million next season. Tucker said Cassell 34 wants

to make sure that he's part of Minnesota's long-term plans Cassell had career bests in scor-

ing (19.8 points per game) and shooting (48.8 percent) during the regular season and made his first All-Star team in his first season with Minnesota, his 10th in

The trio of Cassell, league MVF Kevin Garnett and Latrell Sprewell led the Wolves out of the first round of the playoffs for the first time in team history. Minnesota lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference finals, a series that Cassell barely played in because of torn carti lage in his hip.

He had successful surgery in June to repair the cartilage.

Minnesota signs Griffin

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. Eddie Griffin is getting another shot at the NBA.

Jersey forward better known for his troubles off the court, agreed to terms Tuesday with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Griffin, the seventh overall pick in the 2001 draft, joined his new teammates for an evening practice Tuesday, the first day of training camp.

"I do feel like this could be my last chance," Griffin said after the

Terms of the deal weren't released. Arn Tellem, Griffin's agent, didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Griffin was released by the New Jersey Nets in February, less than two months after signing with the team in hopes of resurrecting his career. The Houston Rockets cut him in Decem-

Foot surgery keeps Wizards' Brown on sidelines

WASHINGTON - Washington Wizards forward Kwame Brown said the broken bone in his foot will likely keep him on the side

lines into the regular season. As the Wizards opened training doubted he would be available for the season opener Nov. 3.

"I've been told by doctors that I can be practicing at full speed by the end of November." Brown

Brown broke a bone in his foot during a summer pickup game and underwent surgery in early August. Initially, doctors said Brown would recover in time for training camp.

Wizards President Ernie Grunfeld offered a more ambiguous time frame this week, saving that more will be known when Brown is re-examined in 10 days.

White signs with Nuggets despite gun charge

DENVER - The Denver Nugets signed free agent forward Rodney White to a 2-year deal Tuesday, a day after a judge allowed him to leave Washington D.C. for the first time since his ar-

rest last month on a gun charge. White's future in the NBA was in doubt after a Secret Service officer arrested him and two other men Sept. 5 for randomly shooting a gun in the air. White spent 10 days in jail and wasn't allowed ton until Monday. "I'm so thankful that the Nug-

gets stood behind me during a tough time," White said Tuesday, the first day of Denver's training camp. "Everybody let me know that this was home and I'm happy to be back. It was a mistake, just being a little stupid. I learned from it, I learned a valuable lesson, and I'm moving on

White still faces a felony charge of unlawful discharge of a gun, but Nuggets general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said he expects that to be reduced to a misdemeanor or less through a plea hargain

White's contract can be voided if he is convicted of a felony.

White averaged 7.5 points and 2.3 rebounds with the Nuggets last season, his second in Denver.

Hawks extend contract of GM

ATLANTA - The Atlanta Hawks have extended the contract of General Manager Billy Knight, and added the title of executive vice president.

Terms of the multivear contract extension were not disclosed when the team made the announcement Tuesday

ST ANDREWS, Scotland -Vijay Singh has a theory about what's wrong with Tiger game: he hasn't adapted his swing to the changes in his body. Singh deposed Woods as No. 1

in the world golf rankings last month. Ernie Els has also moved past the American into second place, leaving Woods at No. 3.

"I think his body and his swing do not match like they did some four or five years ago," Singh said four or five years ago," Singh said Wednesday. "So he has to adjust that. I'm sure that once he figures that out, he'll be OK."

Singh, speaking on the eve of the Dunhill Links Championship at St. Andrews, Carnoustie and Kingbarns, said the swing has to be adapted as the body develops with age. "As you get older you have to

keep adjusting your swing to your body. Your body does not stay the the 41-year-old Fijian

"When Tiger first came on the scene, he was extremely strong, I'm not saving he's not strong now but you do slow down a bit So the golf swing has to match your body's ability.

"You know, I have adjusted ac-cordingly and for the better and I don't think Tiger has done that. I don't think he has progressed that

Woods, 28, hasn't won a stroke play event since last year's Amex Championship, a title he failed to defend successfully in Ireland last week. His only victory this year was in the World Golf Match Play Championship

John Andretti gets ride with new Nextel Cup team

CONCORD, N.C. - John Andretti and ppc Racing, one of the top teams in NASCAR's Busch Series, will get together on a Nextel Cup team that will begin racing Oct. 16 at Lowe's Motor Speed

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Andretti will run five of the last six events of the season, excluding Martinsville, Va., and the entire 36-race schedule in 2005, the team announced Tuesday.

"A lot of people have been working hard to put this program to-gether," said Andretti, a two-time winner in the Nextel Cup series. "It's pretty exciting to have everything set and ready to go, and to know we are going to be a very competitive race team.

The ppc team, owned by Greg Pollex, won the Busch Series championship in 2000 with Jeff Green and also has four runner-up finishes. The Nextel Cup team will be sponsored by Victory Brand LLC, Sunoco, APlus convenience stores and Ford

Andretti, 41, lost his full-time ride with Petty Enterprises midway through last season and has driven sporadically for several other teams since. He has started just five races this year, finishing 16th at Chicagoland Speedway on July 11 in a DEI car

Gamecocks receiver Thomas suspended for three weeks

COLUMBIA, S.C. - South Carolina starting wide receiver Matthew Thomas has been suspended for academic reasons.

Thomas will be suspended for at least three weeks because of issues related to class attendance other academic matters coach Lou Holtz said Tuesday.

"People who come to school here are going to be student-athletes," Holtz said.

Sophomore Noah Whiteside will move into the starting lineup. Holtz said.

The 25th-ranked Gamecocks (4-1) play Mississippi at home on Saturday.

Singh critiques Woods' swing Too busy blushing after curse, NASCAŘ not thinkng straight

uch of America still needs an interpreter to wade through the interviews NASCAR races. They're

packed with technical talk, car numbers, jargon, good old boyisms and corporate plugs that by the end, the casual fan's head is spinning faster than those sacrificial bozos who get knocked out midway through the races.

That sure wasn't a problem Sunday at the Talladega Superspeedway Dale Earnhardt Jr. stepped out of his car after winning at the fabled Alabama track for the fifth time, and when asked about its significance, he fumbled trying to honor the man who taught him the business That was before Dale Earnhardt was killed in a last-lap crash at another fabled superspeedway almost four years

"It don't mean s— right now Junior told NBC Sports during a live broadcast from Talladega. "Daddy's won here 10 times."

Talk doesn't get much plainer than that

Tuesday, it got more expensive NASCAR's bosses fined Earnhardt \$10,000, enough to remind him that cursing is bad. He al-ready knew that. Earnhardt was flat-out joyful in the winner's circle, but deflated by the time he sat down in the interview room a few moments later. That's because he knew NASCAR wasn't going to stop at his wallet.

True to form, those officials also docked Earnhardt 25 points in the Nextel Cup standings enough to drop him into second place in the series, and more than enough to decide the championship with seven races left. If you



Jim Litke

some foul language, just listen to what follows if he comes up the same number of points short of the championship at series end. There's

defending what Earnhardt said, and on the other hand, plenty of precedents for what NASCAR did

NASCAR chief Mike Helton warned drivers in February to watch their language on radio and TV, and over the next four months, he fined and erased the same 25 points from the ledgers of Busch Series drivers Johnny Sauter and Ron Hornaday Jr. for cursing on-air during radio interviews in Las Vegas and Dover, Del

The shame is that no one at NASCAR headquarters took the fine money and flew to New York to make sure NBC used a five-second delay on its racing telecasts. That would have stopped bad precedent from becoming an even worse law. If this catches on - if every foul-mouthed remark by an athlete over the years found its way onto the air or into print, and wound up costing them wins instead of money - there would still be plenty swearing, only most of it would be about the hundreds of trophies changing hands

Stepping off a football field with fresh bruises and separated from your senses, then stepping in front of a microphone to say anything coherent is tough enough. It's one reason why "Monday Night Football" put a delay in broadcasts this season, and why the networks have extended theirs on some programs to 10 sec-

The other reason is that after Janet Jackson's "wardrobe mal-function" at the Super Bowl, the FCC hit CBS with a \$550,000 fine.

The practice of deducting points from racers began when the circuit found out that hefty fines for violations like using illegal parts weren't enough to deter cheating. When Helton started applying the principle to cursing, he nrobably reasoned you can't have too much of a good thing. But that's exactly what happened.

The outcry won't — nor should — be anything like the one that followed Earnhardt's death at the Daytona 500 in 2001. That came in the debut race of a \$2 billion-plus television package that was supposed to put NASCAR on the national sporting map. It was the fourth racing death under similar circumstances in nine months, but it was the first one to force NASCAR officials to adopt several long-overdue safety mea

His father's death has affected the son and his sport ever since. Earnhardt was called "The Intimidator" for a good reason and revered for his aggressive style and straight talk. Years ago, when cigarette sponsorship propped up stock-car racing, someone asked him whether he'd ever smoked. Earnhardt didn't mince words

'I don't mess with anything. he said, frowning, "that's on fire Sounds like the apple didn't fall far from that tree.

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Williams' agent says star RB wants to play

BY STEVEN WINE

The Associated Press

MIAMI - Maybe Ricky Williams is tired of traveling. Maybe he has run out of books to read. Or maybe he doesn't want to pay the \$8.6 million he owes the Miami Dol-

phins for breach of contract. Whatever the reason, Williams wants to rejoin the Dolphins and has asked the NFL how soon he can return, his agent said

Tuesday. It's unclear whether the 2002 NFL rushing champion must serve a suspension the rest of this season for repeated violations of the league drug program. He has asked the league for a hearing to clarify his status, but no date has been set.

A Dolphins source speaking on the condi-

tion of anonymity said the team's under standing is that Williams can't play this year because of the violations.

Williams left the Dolphins reeling when he retired just before training camp in late July, and they are 0-4, their worst start since 1966. His agent. Leigh Steinherg, de-

clined to discuss Williams' change of heart. "All I can tell you is that Ricky has asked me to explore and to try to facilitate his return," Steinberg said. "He's excited and in

good shape and misses football. One likely factor for Williams' reversal: On Sent 24 an arbitrator ordered him to repay more than \$8.6 million to the team

for breaching his contract. Steinberg and the Dolphins declined to say whether there have been recent conversations between the two parties.

"This is an issue between the player, his representative and the league," Dolphins General Manager Rick Spielman said. "Accordingly, we don't have a comment on the

Last week, coach Dave Wannstedt said he hadn't talked to Williams in about a

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello declined to comment about the situation.

Since retiring, Williams has traveled to Asia and Australia, but Steinberg said he's now in the United States.

"He's in excellent shape," Steinberg said. "He has been working out regularly and looks great."

Williams and the Dolphins traded long-distance barbs in the days after he guit. But Miami's poor start would likely make it more inclined to take him back.

many reasons for retiring. He expressed a desire to travel, read and continue smoking marijuana. He said he was unhappy about his contract, a workload he consid ered excessive and Miami's new offensive coordinator Chris Foerster

He acknowledged testing positive for marijuana three times.

Under league rules, a player in the NFL's drug program faces suspension if he returns in the calendar year after he anounces his retirement. If he returns after

a year, he faces a lesser suspension.

The Dolphins are headed toward their first losing season since 1988. They have scored only two touchdowns in four games without Williams, who rushed for 3,225 yards in two seasons after being obtained in a trade with New Orleans.

Ravens' J. Lewis faces suspension

BY DAVID GINSBURG The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. - The Baltimore Ravens expect Jamal Lewis to play Sunday against the Washington Redskins. However. they're already preparing for the possibility an NFL suspension would take away their star running back for up to four games.

Lewis probably will be suspended, and perhaps fined, by the NFL if he pleads guilty Thursday to drug charges in Atlanta, as ex-

"A drug-related violation is grounds for discipline from the league," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Tuesday

The Ravens figure to hear from the league about a disciplinary measure during their bye week which begins after the Washing-

which begins after the washing-ton game.

"I don't know, but I would guess there might be some resolu-tion during the bye week," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "I would certainly think so. And once we have that resolution, then we can plan with a little more detail."

ered, Lewis would plead guilty to using a cell phone in violation of federal law and serve a sentence of six months after the 2005 season. Once the plea is on the record NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue can move ahead with his review of the case.

"They will set the parameters for how we go forward, and under what conditions legally," Billick said, referring to the legal system. "The next part of the process is obviously what the league wants to do.

Lewis will miss practice Thurs day while in Atlanta federal court but Billick intends to have him back for practice on Friday and in the backfield Sunday night when Baltimore (2-2) tries to bounce back from Monday's 27-24 loss to Kansas City.

"I'm comfortable that he'll have enough time to be ready for Sunday's game," Billick said, "It's our understanding that it's very unlikely that there will be any judgment with regards to what the league chooses to do that would impact this game.



An aide to the presiding judge said Tuesday that Jamal Lewis, above, has agreed to plead guilty in a federal drug conspiracy case.

"Beyond that, I don't think any thing has changed from how we originally planned to deal with these circumstances.

The Ravens figured they would lose Lewis during his trial, which was scheduled to begin Nov. 1. Now, they anticipate losing him for up to four weeks, beginning with the Oct. 24 home game against the Ruffalo Rills

Regardless of the length of the suspension, Billick will summon Chester Taylor and Musa Smith to run in Lewis' place.

Buccaneers QB Simms to make first pro start

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Chris Simms will make his first pro start at quarterback for the winless Tampa Bay Buc-



(2-2).

caneers this week, replacing Brad Johnson. "I hope I can

give us the spark we need." Simms said Wednesday, when the Bucs (0-4) prepared for Sunday's game against the New Orleans Saints

The second-year pro is the son of former New York Giants star Phil Simms. The Bucs selected him in the third round of the 2003 draft, and the strong-armed left-hander saw his first regular-season action in relief Johnson three weeks ago.

Simms replaced Johnson after 15 plays of Tampa Bay's 10-6 loss to Seattle on Sept. 19. Although he led two drives to field goals, he fumbled twice and tossed a game-clinching interception.

Vikings RB Smith to begin four-game suspension MINNEAPOLIS — Running

NFL injury update

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back Onterrio Smith, a key part of the Minnesota Vikings' offense. will miss the next four games serving a suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

The league told Smith this summer he tested positive for marijuana, and he already was in the league's substance-abuse program for at least one previous positive test. His suspension had been on hold pending an appeal.

Bengals DE Smith charged with DUI

DAYTON, Ohio - Cincinnati Bengals defensive end Justin Smith was arrested early Tuesday and charged with drunken driving after he failed a breath test, the Montgomery County sheriff's department said.

Smith, 25, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.152, the report said

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Shula says Patriots capable of matching 1972 Dolphins

The Associated Press

MIAMI on Shula knows what it takes to achieve a perfect season, and he says the New England Patriots have a chance to do it.

On the other hand. Shula says the winless Miami Dolphins have a shot at an upset Sunday at New England

The Hall of Fame coach has a vested interest for two reasons. He led the Dolphins for 26 years and still roots for them, and his 1972-73 teams won 18 consecutive games, an NFL record the Patriots hope to break Sunday.

Four other teams share the record, but only Shula's 1972 Dol-phins went 17-0. The Patriots need 16 more wins in a row for the second perfect season in league history, which would be

"They've got a real shot at it." Shula said Tuesday. "They've got to win a lot of games to do it, and tough teams down the road.

But they certainly are a legitimate threat to do it. They're a team that's solid in every way, from ownership to coaching to the players."

That's in contrast to the 2004 Dolphins, off to their worst start 1966 with four consecutive losses

It's a level of failure foreign to Shula, who holds the NFL record with 328 coaching victories. He never endured an 0-4 start in 33 vears as a coach, and 16 times he had four losses or fewer the entire season.

"Obviously the Dolphins are 0-4 and not happy about that," he said. "They haven't been able to put together any drives offensively. If they can get something together offensively, with the great defense they play, they've got a chance to win some games this year, and they've got a chance against New England.

Shula has phoned embattled Miami coach Dave Wannstedt to offer encouragement and notes that the unexpected retirement of Ricky Williams and a wave of injuhave contributions to Mi-

"A lot of tough things have happened to Dave," Shula said. "Ricky Williams is a great player. no question. Why he made the decision to do what he's doing right now is something I'll never understand. But he made the decision, and that hurt Dave. He thinks he's set there, and all of sudden he doesn't have Ricky, and then the backups get hurt. And the quarterback situation hasn't been settled

can go wrong is going wrong. Hopefully he'll be able to salvage the season and go from there

Maybe Wannstedt's luck is changing. Shortly after Shula spoke came word that Williams wants to rejoin the Dolphins and has asked the NFL how soon he

As for the Patriots, Shula said ere's no question they're the NFL's best team. He said their defense reminds him of the 1972 Dolphins, and coach Bill Belichick reminds him of Don Shula.

"The way he teaches and coaches, I believe there are a lot of simi-larities," Shula said. "I give him credit for not letting all the outside influences interfere with his

While Shula will be cheering Sunday for Miami, he said characterizations of the 1972 Dolphins celebrating each year when the last unbeaten team loses have heen overblown

"Our record is the perfect season," he said, "That's a record we're very proud of and protect But by the same token, if somebody does it. I'm going to be the first guy that calls to congratulate the coach that does it. And I'm sure our players will be the first in line to congratulate the players that do it.



Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil, right, hugs defensive tackle Junior Siavii after the Chiefs beat the Ravens on Monday night for their first victory.

Chiefs now have win to build on during bye

BY DOUG TUCKER The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - At 1-3, the Kansas City Chiefs aren't where they would like to be.

But a 27-24 victory Monday night in Baltimore has sent the Chiefs into their bye week feeling better about themselves and their chances of salvaging the season. "All this means is that we will

not be 0-16." coach Dick Vermeil said Tuesday. "There still is a lot of work, a lot of hard work to do. But I think last night just dem-

onstrated that we're better than our 0-3 record that we took in there. And that we can play good football. And when we do, we can

Vermeil said speculation about the imminent collapse of his team was not what motivated the players to give the best effort of the

"The staff's ability to handle adversity properly over the last three weeks led to a positive contribution to our players handling it properly," Vermeil said. "We played a pretty good football game against a pretty good football team in a real tough environment. I salute those guys." Priest Holmes, in the town

where he started his NFL career, carried 33 times for 125 yards touchdowns. and two pushed his season total to 476 yards rushing, tops in the NFL. Holmes has run for more 100

vards in three of four games this season and became just the fourth running back since 1970 to reach the 5.000-vard plateau in 50 games or fewer

On Tuesday, Holmes was se-lected the AFC offensive player of the week

'What's great is having the league's No. 1 rusher back in Kansas City, leading the league in rushing," Vermeil said.

The players scattered for their week off and will be back Satur-

day to begin preparing for their next game, Oct. 17 in Jacksonville. When they return, they figure to have wide receiver Eddie Kennison back after a two-week absence. The only regular who might still be out is defensive tackle Ryan Sims. He pulled a hamstring Monday night diving for a

For the second straight week, Kansas City dominated in first downs, total yards and time of possession. The outcome in those games, however, has been one loss three-point and three-noint win

In losing by three points to Houston, the Chiefs outgained the Texans 366 yards to 296, hogged the time of possession 35 minutes seconds to 24:53, and had 25 first downs to 18 for the Texans.

At Baltimore, while eking out a three-point win, Kansas City had 398 yards to 207 for the Rayens rolled up 25 first downs to Baltimore's 13. The Chiefs also were 8-for-16 on third down. The Ravens converted only once in

In the two games combined, the Chiefs have run 147 plays while the opposition has put the ball in play only 95 times. From looking at those statistics,

it seems Kansas City should have routed both opponents.

"Sometimes when you've been a very big-play team offensively, the No. 1 thing people do in the offseason is study you and work on ways to make sure they take away some of those big plays," Vermeil said. "We came very, very close to having some big plays last

Meanwhile, the Chiefs released punter Jason Baker for the second time in less than a month. Raker was released right before the season opener and replaced by Steve Cheek. He was re-signed when Cheek hurt his leg, but Cheek is expected back for Kansas City's next game.

night.

Cowboys out to stretch their streak

BY JAIME ARON

The Associated Press

IRVING. Texas - One of the best lessons the Dallas Cowboys learned during their first year under Bill Parcells was that an early winning streak sure makes it easier to reach the playoffs.

After losing their 2003 opener, the Cowboys won five straight games. Even though they went just 5-5 the rest of the way, the early streak was good enough to earn them a wild-card berth

Dallas opened this season with another loss followed by another winning streak. It's only two games right now, but anyone in the locker room willing to admit he looks at the schedule - and doesn't just take it one game at a time - has to like the way things are lining up.

Starting Sunday, the Cowboys have a four-game stretch filled with exactly the kind of games they must win if they're going to be worthy of making the playoffs: Home games against three teams playing well (the Giants, Steelers and Lions) and one road game against a team that isn't (Green Bay). First up is New York at home "This streak of games is where

we find out our identity, what kind of ballclub we are," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said Tuesday, "Can we win at home? Can we put wins together? Can our leaders step up and make the plays that need to be made? We're going to find out here in the next three, four games, Along with the momentum of

winning the past two games, Dal-las has the benefit of coming off its bye. Parcells-coached teams -3 following an idle week, including a 17-6 road win last season against the New York Jets

The Cowboys used the extra time to start breaking in new players at tight end and cornerback

Jason Witten, already a threat as a receiving tight end, moves into the starting lineup to replace Dan Campbell an excellent blocker. Dallas also signed veteran free agent Mikhael Ricks last week and on Tuesday welcomed rookie Brett Pierce, who was signed off Baltimore's practice squad. Ricks is a bulked-up receiver: Pierce is more of a combination player.

"I think they brought me in to block, but as a tight end you've got to be able to do it all," Pierce

Seventh-round pick Jacques Reeves will start in place of Pete Hunter at right cornerback. Tyrone Williams was signed last week and probably will play, but Parcells needs to see him more in practice before deciding how he'll be used. Parcells is considering dressing five cornerbacks Sunday: three rookies, second-vear starter Terence Newman and Williams The changes at both positions

affect everything from the running game to blitz calls. Those are the kind of uncertainties that make Parcells' stomach churn.

"We're going to have some growing pains," he said. "There's going to be things that happen you wish wouldn't happen, but that's what we are right now We're going to have to find our way around that stuff right now We still have got quite a ways to go before you could term us as a

That last line is a motivational jab at the players. Glover laughed it off, then added that he's still fired up by a question Parcells often posed last year

Early in his rebuilding of a team coming off three straight five-win seasons, he told players to look around the league and count how many teams they couldn't beat. The 5-1 start helped shrink that list before Halloween

Glover thought back to that question while watching games during his free time Sunday and Monday He liked what he saw

"No team scared me." he said 'There's not one team in the NFL that I look at and say, 'Wow, they could really give us a hard time. or 'We can't compete with them. Starting with the Giants this week, we've got to go out and prove it"

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Jets, clockwise from bottom left, Shaun Ellis, Dewayne Robertson and Bryan Thomas stop Dolphins running back Leonard Henry on Sunday. New York has 10 takeaways and has scored two touchdowns on defense.

Opportunistic Jets defense now feasting on turnovers

BY ANDREA ADELSON
The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — When Jets coach Herman Edwards started reviewing the many problems that plagued his defense last year, one glaring weakness jumped out at him.

The Jets barely got any turnovers, so Edwards made it a priority to reverse that trend. Through three games, it has worked.

The Jets have 10 takeaways, including five interceptions. Last year, they had 20 total takeaways and 11 interceptions, with no defensive scores. Cornerback Domie Abraham already has scored two touchdowns, on a fumble recovery in the opener against Cincinnati and a 69-yard interception return against the Dolphins on Sunday that sealed the 17-9 win.

"I know in our division, we felt because it's a defensive division," Edwards said. "When you look at Buffalo, you look at Miami, New England, they're in the top 10 generally in defense. We needed to catch up with those guys if we were going to be a good team in our division."

In 2003, the Jets struggled without Abraham, usually the team leader in takeaways. He missed most of the season with a shoulder injury, and Aaron Beasley led the Jets with a meager three interceptions.

The Jets lagged far behind St. Louis, which led the league with 46 takeaways. Only Buffalo had fewer with 18, leading to Edwards' mandate.

They went to work in the opener and have kept it up. Against the Dolphins, the Jets had four turnovers and four sacks. Though their three wins came

against teams that are a combined 3-9, the Jets have learned a little bit about their young defense.

Rookie safety Erik Coleman, a fifth-round pick out of Washington State, has exceeded expectations with his solid play. He has two interceptions and is now the starter at strong safety. Dewayne Robertson has im-

proved at tackle after struggling during his rookie season. Coaches are so impressed with him, he got to wear a black jersey during practice the last two weeks as a reward for all his hard work.

John Abraham is more effective back at his rush end spot as opposed to dropping back into coverage in the 3-4 scheme new coordinator Donnie Henderson intermittently has used. Against the Dolphins, John Abraham had two sacks, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Edwards said rookie Jonathan Vilma played well in his first career start against the Dolphins. Vilma had eight tackles in place of Sam Cowart, out with a sprained left knee. On Donnie Abraham's interception return, Vilma checked to a defensive alignment that allowed for the play to be made.

"The game wasn't too big for

him," Edwards said. "He didn't get caught up in, 'This is my first start.' He just went out there and played."

Edwards also was pleased his team got tested in a close game. In the first two wins, the Jets jumped to early leads, and players admitted letting up and allowing the Bengals and Chargers back in before the offense sealed the victories.

Linebacker Eric Barton said it was too early to tell how good the defense can be.

"We have a lot of talented players and an opportunity to be a real good football team," Barton said. "I know what we have. I don't know what we are going to be. I know what we have the capability of doing, and I guess that will show in time."

The Jets still have improvements to make. Their pass rush has been weaker this season. Shaun Ellis, who had 12½ sacks last year, has a half-sack so far. Henderson still needs to figure out the best ways to use his players, and has criticized himself, at times, for his play calline.

But one thing is obvious: their aggressive play. That has led to all the turnovers, and is evident to everyone on the team.

"Our team plays with a lot of energy and passion," quarterback Chad Pennington said. "We are aggressive. Offensively we're pushing the ball downfield. We're running the ball extremely well. On defense, we're making ag-

on defense, we're making aggressive plays with turnovers, sacks, interceptions and disruption all the time."

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Turnovers are fueling rise of aggressive Jets defense

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Minnesota Twins pitcher Johan Santana delivers against the New York Yankees during the first inning in Game 1 of the American League Division Series on Tuesday at Yankee Stadium in New York. Santana, who hasn't lost since the All-Star break, was the winner in the Twins' 2-0 victory.

Accompanied by a stellar defense, Santana fends off Yanks in Bronx

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Johan Santana got the outs he absolutely needed. The Minnesota Twins' dazzling defense did the rest.

Jacque Jones homered in his first start since the death of his father, Minnesota turned a record five double plays and the Twins beat the Yankees 2-0 Tuesday night to win their eighth straight opener in a postseason series.

"Tonight we proved what the team, the Minnesota Twins, are all about," Santana said.

Minnesota's Soul Patrol outfield twice denied the Yankees with jumping catches. Left fielder Shannon Stewart saved one run and possibly two on Ruben Sier-ra's shot in the second, and center fielder Torii Hunter pulled in an eighth-inning drive by Alex Rodriguez at the top of the wall.

Hunter also threw out Jorge Posada at the plate in the second to complete the second double play by the Twins, who set a record for twin killings in a nine-inning postseason game.

"That's our game," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Brad Radke tries to give the AL Central champions a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series Wednesday night before the teams shift to the noisy Metrodome in Minneapolis. New York, which lost the first

44 Santana probably didn't have his best stuff tonight, but when he needed to get a aroundball, he got it.

> Joe Torre Yankees manager

game of all three postseason series it played last year, is in famil-iar position: The Yankees have dropped the first-round opener in three of the last four seasons winning the series each time, but losing to Anaheim two years ago after leading 1-0.

Santana, unbeaten since the All-Star break, allowed nine hits in seven innings, the most off him since May 23. Four of the Yankees' first six batters reached safely and 10 of the first 24, but Santana kept escaping, getting four double plays in the first five innings

"He pitched his heart out," Gardenhire said. "He was unbelievable tonight.

Juan Rincon pitched the eighth, and Joe Nathan finished for the save with the Twins' only 1-2-3 inning.

New York, shut out for the second straight time in postseason play, went 0-for-6 with runners in scoring position. That's a familiar tale for the Yankees, who went 4 — Caskiano V. Boston, A.CS, Oct. 3, 4 — Cleveland V. Baltimore, ALCS, Oct. 11, 1997, 12 Innings Mational League 5 — Atlan Mational League 5 — Atlan Mational, N.CS, Oct. 10, 1995, 11 Innings 4 — Allanta v. Colorado, N.DS, Oct. 10, 201 4 — Los Angeles vs. Montreal, N.CS, CC 113, 1981 2 — San Francisco vs. St. Louis, N.CS, Oct. 10, 1887 World Series

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7-for-50 with runners in scoring position during last year's World Series loss to Florida, including 0-for-7 against Josh Beckett in the Game 6 finale - also a 2-0 loss

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